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BY THE GRACE OF  
God kyng of Englande, Fraunce,  
and Ireland, defender of the faith,  
and of the Churche of Englande,  
and also of Irelande in earthe the  
Supreme heade, to the honour of  
almighty God, and for the concord  
quyet and welth of this his realme,  
and subiectes of the same, helde  
his moste hygh court of par-  
lyament, begun at Westm,  
the. xvi. daye of Jany-  
uer, and there conty-  
nued tyll the fyfthe  
day of Apryl, the  
xxxiii. yere  
of his moste  
noble and  
victor-  
ouse  
reygne, wherein were esta-  
blished these actes  
folowynge.

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AN ACT concernynge counterfeit letters oꝝ pryue tokens to  
receyue money oꝝ goodes in other mens names. Cap. i.



FOR AS MOCHE AS many lyght and euill disposed per-  
sones, not myndyng to get theyꝝ luynges by truthe, accor-  
dyng to the lawes of this realme, but compassynge and dy-  
uysynge davelly howe they may vnlawfully opteyne and get  
into theyꝝ handes and possessions goodes cattalles and ie-  
wels of other persons foꝝ the mayntenance of theyꝝ vntow-  
ty luynges, And also knowynge, that yf they come to any of the same goo-  
des cattalles and iewelles by felthe, that than they beyng therof lawfully  
conuicte, accor dyng to the lawes of this realme, shall dye therfoꝝ: haue  
nowe of late falsely and dysceitfully contreyued deuised and ymagined pry-  
ue tokens and counterfeit letters in other mens names, vnto dyuers per-  
sons theyꝝ especial frendes and acquaintaunces, foꝝ the opteynyng of mo-  
ney, goodes, cattalles, and iewelles of the same persons, theyꝝ frendes and  
acquaintaunces, by colour wherof, the sayde lyght and euill dysposed per-  
sonnes haue dysceitfully and vnlawfully opeyned and gotten grente sub-  
staunce of money, goodes, cattals, and iewels into their handes and possesi-  
ons, contrary to ryght and conscience. Foꝝ reformation wherof, be it oꝝ-  
derneyed and enacted by auctorite of this presente parlyament, that yf any  
person oꝝ persons, of what estate oꝝ degree so euer he oꝝ they be, at any tyme  
after the xijth day of Aprill next comyng, falsely and dysceitfully opteyn  
oꝝ get into his oꝝ theyꝝ handes oꝝ possession any money, goodes, cattalles, ie-  
wels, oꝝ other thynges, of any other person oꝝ persons, by colour and mea-  
nes of any suche false token oꝝ counterfeitte letter made in any other mans  
name, as is aforesayde: that than euery suche person and persons, so offen-  
dyng, and being therof lawfully conuicte by witnesss, taken befoꝝe the lord  
Chauncellour of Englande foꝝ the tyme beyng, oꝝ by examynation of wy-  
nesses, oꝝ confession taken in the sterre chaumber at Westm befoꝝe the kyn-  
ges moste honourable counsell, oꝝ befoꝝe the iustices of assyse in theyꝝ circui-  
tes foꝝ the tyme beyng, oꝝ befoꝝe the iustices of peace within any parte of  
the kinges dominion in their general sessions, oꝝ by action in any of the kyn-  
ges courtes of recorde, shal haue and suffer such correction and punishment  
by imprisonment of his body, setting upon the pillory, oꝝ otherwise by any  
corpoꝝall payne (except paynes of death) as shalbe vnto hym oꝝ them lymit-  
ted adiudged oꝝ appoynted by the person and persons, befoꝝe whom he shal  
be so conuict of the sayde offences oꝝ of any of them.

¶ AND be it further enacted by thaurorite afoꝝe sayde, that as well the  
iustices of assise foꝝ the tyme beyng, as also two iustices of peace in euery  
countie, wherof one to be of the Quorum, shal haue full power and aucto-  
rite to cal and conuent by proces oꝝ otherwys, to the sayd assises oꝝ generall  
sessions, any person oꝝ persons beyng suspected of any the offences afoꝝe-  
sayde, and to comynge hym oꝝ them to wards, oꝝ let hym oꝝ them to baile tyl



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the nexte assises oꝝ generall sessions, there to be examined and further to be oꝝdered by theꝝ discretions, as is aboue sayde.

¶ **PROVIDED** alwayes and be it further enacted by auctozitie aforesaid that iustices of the peace within euery cite borough towne and franchises within this realme oꝝ other the kynges dominions, shal haue lyke iurisdiction power and auctozitie at theꝝ generall sessions, and other wise to do and execute all and euery thyng and thynges in al poyntes, as other iustices of chassises in theꝝ circuites. oꝝ iustices of the peace in the counties by vertue of this act be lymitted and appoynted to do and execute, foꝝ the punishment and correction of lyke offenders, as by this foresaid act is specified and declared. Sauynge to the partie greued by suche discrepte such remedy by way of action oꝝ other wise of and foꝝ the same money goodes cattails ieiwels oꝝ other thynges so opteyned, as he myght haue had if this acte had neuer ben had ne made, any thyng in the same conteyned to the contrary in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ **PROVIDED** alwayes and be it further enacted by the auctozitie aforesayde, that the kynges hyghnes counsell of his towne of Calles. oꝝ thye of them foꝝ the tyme beinge. shal haue such and lyke auctozitie foꝝ the examination, baylement and punishment of suche offendours oꝝ offendours, and foꝝ suche offences hereafter to be committed and done within the towne and marches of Calles and countie of Guisnes, as the foresayde iustices of assise, oꝝ iustices of peace haue by force of this acte within theꝝ iurisdiccions and auctozities.

### ¶ An act concernyng byeng of fyshe vpon the sea. Cap. ii.



**V**HERE MANY and dyuers townes and portes by the sea syde, in the counties of Kent and Sussex, as well of the fyue portes and members of the same portes as other, haue in tymes past ben in greet welth and prosperitie, well buylde and inhabited with a great multitude of people, by reason of bysng and exercysynge the craft and feat of fysshyng, wherby the sayd portes and townes were able to make amonge them selues a great number of botes and shyppes, and also many good mariners to the sayde botes belongynge, the which sayd mariners were not onely put to the sayde diligent labour and exercise of fysshyng, but also they were put in dayly experience and knowledge of the costes of the sea, as well within this realme as in other parties beyonde the sea, by the which practyse it was not only great strength to this realme, by reason of bysngyng vp and encreasynge of mariners, when so euer the kynges grace had nede of them, but also a great welth to the realme, and abundaunce of such, wherby our souerayne lord the kyng, the lordes gentylmen and commons were alwayes well serued of fyshe in market townes of a reasonable pryce; and also by reason of the same fysshyng many men were made a grewe ryche, and many pooze men and women had thereby

therby their convenient lyving, to the strength encreasynge and welth of this realme: And where many and dyuers of the sayd fyshermen, for they singular lurre and aduantage do leaue the sayd craft of fyshynge, and be consederate with Dicardes Flemynge, Roymans and Frenchemen, and somtyme sayle ouer into the costes of Dicardye and Flaunders, & somtyme do mete the said Dicardes and Flemynge halfe the sea ouer, and there for redy moneye of the coppe of this realme, do marchant and bye the sayde freshe fysh of the same cstraungers, amountynge to the summe yetely of. xx. M. markes and aboue, and so come and make their sales in diuers costes and cokes within this realme at their pleasure, where if they did not so, the same Dicardes & Flemynge wold byng the same fysh ouer them selves, and sell it in this realme to the kynges subiectes, moche better chepe and for lesse money, if the same botes and people of this realme wolde not regrade the sayde fysh: the whiche is to the great impoueryshing of the kynges people, conueying and minishynge of the kynges come out of this realme, contrary to his lawes and statutes, to the great diminution of the kynges nauy fysherbotes and maryners, and also to the destructiō desolation and vtter vndoing of suche portes and townes by the sea syde, & depopulation of the people of this realme, and the debilitie and weakenes therof. In consyderation wherof be it enacted ordeyned and establisshed by the kinge our souerayne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that no maner of person englyshe denyen nor cstraunger, nowe dwelling, or they which at any time hereafter shal dwel or inhabit within any of the fyue portes cokes limes or members of the same, or within any other place within this realme, shal from the fyrst day of Auguste nowe nexte comynge, bye any freshe fysh of any cstraunger in the sayde parties of Flaunders zelande Dicardye or Fraunce, or vpon the sea betwene Moze and Moze, or in any other place beyonde the sea, to put to sale within this realme to any person or persons, vpon peyne of euery person so doynge at any tyme, to forseyt for euery tyme so doynge ten poundes, wherof the one halfe to be to our souerayne lord the kyng, and the other halfe to the partie or parties that wyl sue for the same, by byll action of det informacion or other wise in any of the kynges courtes, and to be tried in the countre next adioynning, where the byng is supposed to be made done or had, wher-in no delaye wayer of lawe pzorection nor eslopye shalbe allowed.

¶ **AND** be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that it shal be lausful to all and euery fysher cstraunger, to come and resorte into euery haven port croke or other place within this realme with theyr fysh, and the same fysh to put to sale without let or impedymēt of any person or persons at all tymes and as often as it shal please them.

¶ **PROVIDED** alwayes, that this act or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not extende or be in any wyse hurtfull to any person or persons for the byng of sturgeon porpoise or seale vpon the sea, or bought in any part of beyonde the sea, and brought into this realme to be vitered and solde, any thyng con-



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teped in this acte to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

**PROVIDED** also that this acte oꝛ any thyng therein conteyned shal not be hurtful ne prejudiciall to any person oꝛ persones soꝛ the bteinge of any hearpyng oꝛ spꝛottes vpon the sea, oꝛ at the colles, to be bought at any tyme on this syde the feaste of the purification of our lady saynt Mary, whiche shal be in the yere of our loꝛde god, M. D. xlii. any thyng in this act conteyned to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

**PROVIDED** furthermoꝛe that this act oꝛ any thyng therein conteyned, shal not extende to any person oꝛ persons, which shal be any tyme in any parties of Iseland Scotland Okeney Shotland Ireland oꝛ Newland, any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding. This act onely to endure tyl the later ende of the nexte parlyament.

### An acte foꝛ foldyng of clothes in North- wales. Cap. iii.



**HERE** A certayne kynde and soꝛte of walthe clothes, called whites, russettes, and kenettes, made and wrought in North wales and Dycestre hundred, adioynynge to Northwales, of longe tyme haue ben and be so craftily and harde rolled to gether, that the byer thereof can not perceyue noꝛ dyscerne the vntreue makynge and byedthe therof, to the great hurt dysceypte and enpoueryshyng of the kynges true and loyng subiectes. Foꝛ remedy wherof be it enacted ordeyned and establyshed, by the kyng our souerayne loꝛde, his loꝛdes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that all and euery the sayd clothes from and after the feaste of the Natyuite of saynt Iohn Baptiste next comynge, that shal be brought to any common markettes oꝛ sepyes to be bityered and solde, shal be folded eyther in pleyghes oꝛ cuttell, as the clothes of all other countreys of this realme commonly haue ben bled and be bled, to the entente that the byers thereof maye plainly see and perceyue the byedth and goodnes of suche clothe and clothes that he shal bye. And that euery pece of the sayde clothes, whiche after the sayd feaste shal be brought to any market oꝛ sepye to be bityered and solde, contrary to the fourme aboue sayd, shal be foꝛfayted, that is to say, the moytie oꝛ one halfe therof to the vse of our sayd soueraygne loꝛd the kyng, and the other moytie therof to any of the kynges subiectes, whiche wyl sue foꝛ the same in any of the kynges courttes of recoꝛde, by action of debte byll playnte information oꝛ other wise, wherein the defendante shal not be admitted to wage his lawe, noꝛ any protection noꝛ elsoyne, oꝛ any other dilatoꝛie plee admitted oꝛ allowed.

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## CAN ACTE concernynge peuterers. Cap. iiii.

**W**HERE AT THE parliament begun at London the thirde day of Nouembre, in the. xxi. yere of the reygne of the kyng our soueraigne lord, and from thens assournd to westm, and there holden, and from that tyme contynued by dyuers p[ro]rogacions vnto the. xiiij. day of January, the. xxv. yere of his most noble reygne. It was ordeyned and established by thassent of the kynges maiestie, his lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the commons in the sayd parliament then assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that no persone nor persons, from that tyme then inhabiting, or which after that tyme shuld inhabite within this realme, shuld bie, or otherwise take by exchange for other wares, any maner wares made, or hereafter to be made out of this realme, of tynne or myxt with tynne, as platters dysshes saucers pottes basons ewers flagons goblettes saltes saltcellers spoones or any other thing made of tyn or pewter, as aforesayd, what so euer it were, vpon peyn of forfayture of the same wares, in whose handes so euer it myght be found or taken, & also lawfull money currant in this realme, to the full value thereof, the one halfe of the same forfayture to be to the vse of the kynges hyghnes, and thother half to be to the vse of the synders of the same: And further it was enacted, that it shuld be lesul to the mayster and wardens of the Peuterers, as wel within the cite of London, as within euery other cite borough or towne within this realme, where suche wardens were, and where no such wardens were, to the heed officer or gouernour, heed officers or gouernours of the same cite borough or town for the tyme being, to appoyne dyuers persons, most expert in knowlege of the same, to make serch and seisure, and to take into their handes & possession, all suche wares, as thereafter shulde be brought contrary to the true entent and effect of the said act, in whose so euer handes or possessions any suche shulde be founde. And it was also enacted by the auctoritie aboue said, that no person nor persons, occupieng the said craft or occupation of peuterers within this realme, shuld set on worke, or receyue in his or their seruice any person or persons, to be his or their p[re]ntyce or iourney man, esttraunger bozne out of this realme, vpon peyne to forfayte for euery suche p[re]ntyce and iourney man ten poundes sterlynges: And that no stranger bozne out of this realme, shuld occupie exercise or vse, from the feast of Pentecost then next comming, the said craft of peuterers, ne worke any maner of vessels or other ware aforesayd, to be made of tynne or pewter, within any place or places of this realme, vpon peyn of forfayture of. x. li. sterlynges, and also vpon peyne of forfayture of the same pewter or tyn so wrought, in whose handes so euer it shuld be founde or taken: And it was further enacted by the sayd auctoritie, that no person nor persons being bozne within this realme, than occupieng or exercisynge the said craft of peuterers, shuld from thensforth resort into any strange regions or cuntreys, there to vse teache or exercise the said craft of peuterers, vpon peyn to lose the p[ri]uilege and benefite of an englishe man. And if in case any



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Any of the kinges subiectes, at that tyme being dwellinge in any straunge cuntrye or region, and there occupieng the said craft of peuterers, did not re-  
paire unto this realme within thre monethes next after request and warnyng  
to hym to be gyven by writyng sealed with the comon seale of the wardens  
of the sayd craft within the sayd cite of London, and here in this realme con-  
tynually from thensforth dwel and inhabite, that than and from hensforth  
he shulde be reputed and taken as no englyshe man, but shuld stand and be  
from hensforth out of the kynges protection: And it was than further ena-  
cted, that where sundrye euill disposed persons, whiche comonly were callyd  
hawkers, by auctoritie of the kynges letters patentes or placarde, dyd not  
onely go about from place to place within this realme, vsing byeng and sel-  
lynge of brasse and pewter, and by colour and pretence of the same lycences  
or placardes, dyd not only vse vnlesfull and discepuable weyghtes and bea-  
mes, but also dyd vse, to sell bothe brasse and pewter, whiche was not good  
nor truly or lauffully myxt or wrought, to the great decept of the kynges true  
liege people, contrary to the fourme and effecte of a good and laudable acte  
and statute, made in the fourth yere of the kynges sayde most noble reigne,  
that all such lycences and placardes afore that time had made or granted to  
any such person or persons, contrary to the true meanyng fourme and effect  
of the sayd estatute, shulde be from thensforth, by the auctoritie of the sayd  
parlyament clerely voyde and of none effect. And where as in the sayd acte  
of parlyament, concernyng the sayd crafte of peuterers and brasiars, made  
in the sayd fourth yere, for dyuers causes and considerations in the same acte  
conteyned amongst other thynges it was expessed, that no person nor per-  
sons, vsyng the sayd crafte of peuterers or brasiars, shulde from hensforth  
sell or chaunge any pewter or brasse newe or olde, at any place or places with-  
in this realme, but onely in open fayres or markettes, or in their owne dwel-  
lyng houses, but yf they were deluyed by the buyers of such wares, upon paym-  
ent of forsafore for euery suche defaute. x. li. And so than the same forsafore  
was to the onely vse of the kynges highnes, and the partie sechpyng or syn-  
dyng the same, was not intuled to haue any benefyt thereby: it was not kno-  
wen, that any person or persons had taken any peines, to enserch or make  
any enquiry therof, by reason wherof dyuers and many euill disposed per-  
sons, than vsyng bienge and sellynge as well of brasse as pewter, and not  
regardyng the sayd good acte, nor the sayd penaltie, went dayly about from  
byllage to byllage, towne to towne, and from house to house, to sel such pen-  
ter and brasse, which was not good, and also vyled disceiuable weyghtes and  
beames, as they dyd befoze the makynge of the said acte, to the great hurt and  
disceit of the kynges true liege people and subiectes. wherfore it was ena-  
cted by the auctoritie of the saide parlyament, that as well the moptye of the  
sayd forsafore of. x. li. ly mytted in the sayd statute, made in the sayd fourth  
yere, as also the moptye of all other forsafores and penalties, expessed and  
specified in the sayd actes, and euery of them, shuld be to the vse of the kynges  
highnes, his heires and successors, and the other moptye of the same forsa-  
fores

failures and penalties and euery of them, to the vse of hym oꝛ them that wold seise synde oꝛ pꝛesent the same foꝛfailures oꝛ any of them, oꝛ that wold sue foꝛ the same in any competent court oꝛ courttes within this realme, by action of debt, bꝛill, playnt, oꝛ infoꝛmacion, wherin the defendannt shuld in no wyse be admytted to wage his law, oꝛ any pꝛotectiō oꝛ eslopnē to any person oꝛ persons, whiche shulde be empethed to haue offended contrary to the fourme and effect of this estatute, shuld be allowable, as in the sayd act moꝛe playnly appereth, whiche acte was appoynted to endure onely to the ende of the next parliament than next folowynge: and whiche acte was after renewed in the parliament holden at Westm, in the. xxviii. yeres of the reigne of our sayd soueraine loꝛde, to endure vntill thenne of the nexte parliament than next folowynge: And whiche acte was also renewed at the parliaments, holden at Westm in the xxxi. and. xxxii. yeres of our sayd soueraine loꝛdes reigne, to endure vntill the last day of the next parliament than next ensuynge.

Wherfore in this pꝛesent parliament our sayd soueraine loꝛdes true and obedient subiectes, the peuterers of this his sayd realme, and other the true comons of the same, because the same act is beneficiall and necessary foꝛ the common welth of this realme, That it may be enacted by the kyng our sayd soueraine loꝛde, the loꝛdes spirituall and tempozal, and the comons in this pꝛesent parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, foꝛasmuche as the same act, and euery thyng therein conteyned, is good and beneficial to the common welth of this realme, that all and euery the saide actes and statutes, and all and euery article sentence and clause compysed in the same, may from hencefoꝛth stande and abide in as full strength and effect foꝛ euermoze from hencefoꝛth to endure, accoꝛdyng to the purpoꝛt tenour and effecte of the same act and actes, as though the said articles sentences and clauses were specially limited recited oꝛ declared in this pꝛesent act. And that no person ne persons from hencefoꝛth bꝛe oꝛ take by exchange, oꝛ otherwise take in to oꝛ within this realme, to thentent to sell any such thinges oꝛ wares aboue reherseb, made oꝛ to be made out of this realme, vpon peyn of lyke foꝛfailures and penalties, as aꝛe and were expꝛessed in the said seuerall actes, the same penalties and foꝛfailures to be leuied as is afoꝛe expꝛessed.

¶ And that it may be further enacted by auctorite afoꝛesayd, that if any person oꝛ persons do vnlawfully withstand interrupt disturbe oꝛ let the maister and wardens, oꝛ their depuries of the said craft of peuterers foꝛ the tyme being, oꝛ the heed officer oꝛ gouernour, heed officers oꝛ gouernours of cities townes and boꝛoughes within this realme, wherin no suche maister and wardens are oꝛ shalbe, oꝛ any of them, in seerching seasinge and taking in to their handes and possessions suche wares as shal happen to be bought oꝛ brought into this realme contrary to the purpoꝛt and effect of the sayd estatute, made in the said. xxv. yere of the reigne of our sayd soueraine loꝛd, that than euery such person and persons so offendinge, in lettynge disturbing oꝛ withstanding the said seisure oꝛ taking of such wares, as is afoꝛesaid, shal lose and foꝛfait foꝛ euery tyme so doing the summe of. v. poundes sterlinges,

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The one half wherof, shalbe to the kinges vie, and thosether halfe to hym or them, that wpll or shall sue for the same, by action of det wryt byll plainte or information in any the kinges courtes of recoorde, In which action or suite no protection priuilege nor wager of lawe shalbe allowed nor admitted.

¶ A N acte concerninge keepinge of great hoxses. Cap. v.



HERE IN the parliament begon and holden at westm the, xxviii. daye of Aprill, in the. xxxi. yere of the reigne of our most dread soueraine lord, and from that day continued and prologed by diuers prologations to the. xi. day of May, in the. xxxii. yere of the reigne of our sayd most dreadde soueraine lord, and then finished and ended, it was ordeyned and enacted in the session of the sayd parliament, holden in the sayde. xxxii. yere of the kyng, amongst other thynges, that the nobles and other subiectes of this realme, haupnge parkes, shulde kepe mares, and fynde staulandes for byede and encrease of hoxses for defence of this realme, after such rate and fashion, as by the sayd act is moze playnly expressed. Wherby then the making wherof there is begon a good number of byede of hoxses, whiche by continuance is lyke in thoxte tyme moche to encrease for the sure defence of this realme, if prouision were made for the keepng and sustentation of such hoxses within this realme and in other the kynges dominions, after they be byed and come to age to do seruite. And for as moche as hoxses hable for the warres be conuenient and necessary to be kepte & mainteyned by the nobles and other subiectes of this realme, haupng any dignite estate possessions or other gret substance for the maintenace of the same: It may therfore please the kinges moste royall maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, to ordeyn and enacte by auctorite of the same, that every Archebysshop and Duke of this realme, from and after the feast of saynt Mychael the archangel, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god. M. D. ciiii. shall haue fynde kepe susteyne and mainteyne of theyr owne proper hoxses, and at theyr proper costes and expenses, seven stoned trotting hoxses for the saddle, every hoxse of the same to be in age thre yeres and byward, in heygth. ciiii. handfules, reconyng and accountyng to every handfull foure ynches of the standerde, to be measured from the nerther part of the heare of the hough, vnto the byper parte of the wyderstones, that is to saye, the byper parte of the hulvers, vpon payne that every archbysshop and Duke, lackyng the number of the said hoxses to them aboue limited, after the said feast by the space of thre monethes, shal lose and forfayte for every hoxse so lacking, as often as they or any of them shal so lacke them by the said space of thre monethes. xx. li. The one mopty therof to the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the other moptye to suche as wpll sue for the same by byll playnte prymall wryt or information in any of the kynges courtes, in which suites the defendantes shal not wage theyr

they; lawe, nor any protection or espyne shall be admitted or allowed. And that euery Marques and Erle of this realme, and also euery bysshoppe of this realme, the perely valewe of whose bysshoppyshe is of the perely valewe of a thousande pounce or above, shall after the feast of saynte Mychaell the archangell, haue synde kepe susteyne and maynteyne of thei; proper hoyses, and at thei; proper charges and expenses, fyue stoned trottyng hoyses for the saddle, of the age and heygth aforesayd, vpon the peyn above specified, to be loste and recouered to the vse and in suche fourme as is aforesayd. And that euery other bysshoppe of this realme, whose bysshoppyshe is of the perely value of a thousande markes or above: And euery vicount and baron, haupng landes tenementes fees annuities or offices for terme of his lyfe, to the clere perely value of a thousande markes or above, vpon lyke peyn as is aforesayd, shall after the sayd feast of saynte Mychaell, haue synde kepe susteyn and maynteyne the stoned trottyng hoyses for the saddle, of the age and heygth aforesayd, vpon the peyn above specified, to be lost forsayte and recouered in maner and fourme as is aforesayd. And that euery other bysshop bycount and baron of this realme, not aforesayd, and also euery spirituall person, haupng benefices or promotions, to the perely value of fyue hundred markes: And euery temporall person, haupng landes, tenementes, offices, fees, or annuities for terme of his lyfe, in his owne ryght or his wyues, to the perely value of fyue hundred markes, after the sayd feast of saynt Mychaell, shall haue synde kepe susteyne and maynteyne two stoned trottyng hoyses for the saddle, in maner and fourme, and vpon the peyn aforesayd. And that euery other spirytual person, beyng vnder the degree of a byshop, haupng benefices or promotions to the clere perely value of a hundred poundes or above, and not to the perely value of fyue hundred markes: And all and euery other person temporall, not aforesayd, whose wyfe after the feast of saynt Mychaell the archangell next hereafter mencyned in this acte, shall weare any gowne of sylke, or whose wyfe shall weare any frenche hood or bonet of velvet, with any habylment paste or edge of golde perle or stone, or any chayn of golde about thei; neckes, or in thei; partlettes, or in any apparelle of thei; bodye, shall after the feast of saynt Mychaell the archangell, which shall be in the yere of our lord god a thousande fyue hundred forty and fyue, haue synde kepe susteyne and maynteyne, as is aforesayd, one stoned trottyng hoise for the saddle, vpon the peyn that euery such spirituall person, vnder the degree of a byshop, haupng landes tenementes benefices or promotions to the perely value of a hundred poundes, and not to the perely value of fyue hundred markes, as is aforesayd: And euery other temporall persone, whose wyfe after the sayd feast of saynte Mychaell, shall weare any gowne of sylke, or whose wyfe shall weare any frenche hood, or bonet of velvet, with any habylment paste or edge of golde, perle, or stone, or any chayne of goulde about thei; neckes, or in thei; partlettes, or in any apparell of thei; bodye, shall lose and forsayte for euery tyme that any of theym shall wante or lacke by the



by the space of thre monethes oone trottyng stooned horse, of the heyghte and auge aforesayde, tenne poundes, the one moytie therof to the kynge, and the other to suche as wylle sewe for the same, in suche fourme as is afoze mencioned.

And be it enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that the Justices of assyses, and Justices of peace shall haue power and auctorite within the lymytes of theyr auctorite, to here and determyne the defaultes done contrary to this acte, as well by presentment as information, and to make suche processe vpon any presentment and information afoze them, as in any other cases of trespasses and contemptes done agaynst the fourme of any estatutes, and shall sette no lesse fyne nor payne vpon suche persones as shall be conuict by confessyon or tryall for offendynge this acte, than is aboue lymitted.

AND FOR THE BETTER obseruation of this acte, Be it further ordeyned by auctorite aforesayd, that euery Shyfffe in any Shyre of this realme, shall doo his dyligence and good indeuour, to serche and knowe by vertue of his offyce, all defaultes done or commytted by any persone or persones, in lackynge of horses contrary to this acte, as shall happen within the Shyre where he is Shyfffe, and shall ones in the yere, that is to saye in the terme of saynt Michaell, certifye the sayd defaultes, if any be, into the kynges Eschequer, by wrytynge vnder his seale, to thintent that processe may be made agaynst the offendours accordynge. And that euery suche certificates of the Shyfffe, shall be of as good force and effecte agaynst the offendours of this acte, as any information therof in the sayd Eschequer. And in case any shall be conuict vpon any suche certificates by confession or tryall, accordynge to the course of the lawe, than the Shyfffe makynge suche certificates, shall haue one moytie of the forsaite, and the kynges maiesty the other moytie therof.

PROVIDED alwayes, that no person shall be impeched molested or troubled for any offence done contrary to this acte by bylle action information, presentment or certificates of the Shyfffe, ones that suche bylle action information presentment or certificates be made or had within one yere nexte after the offence done contrary to this acte, any thyng in this acte to the contrary hereof notwithstandinge.

PROVIDED alwayes that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned shall extende to any sonnes and heyres apparaunt of any Duke, Marques, Erie, Viscount, or Baron, nor to the sonnes or heyres apparant of any other persone, hauyng landes tenementes or hereditamentes to the perelpe value of fyr hundred markes or aboue, to bynde or compell any suche heyres apparaunt, to fynde or kepe any horses by vertue of this acte in the lyfe of the fathers, excepte suche sonnes and heyres apparaunt haue landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, or offices, to the perelpe value of fyue hundred markes, but that euery suche sonnes and heyres apparaunt, excepte befoze excepte, maye do as they dyd or mought doo afoze the makynge of this acte, any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstandinge.

¶ PROVIDED alwayes that if any suche son and heyre haue landes tenementes hereditamentes fees offices or annuities for terme of yere in his owne right, or in the righte of his wyfe, to the cleere pccely value of fyue hundred markes, that then suche sonnes and heyres hauynge suche landes tenementes hereditamentes fees offices or annuities, to the cleere pccely value of fyue hundred markes, as is aforesayde, shall kinde kepe susteyne and mainteyne one trottyng horse for the saddle in fourme aforesayde, vpon the payne of .xx. poundes, to be losse and forsaite for euery thre monethes that any suche sonne and heyre shall lacke and want a trottyng stoned horse, as is aforesayd.

¶ And be it prouided and enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that if the wyfe of any person or persons weare any beluet in the lynyng or other parte of her gowne, other then in the cusses or purples of suche gowne, or els weare any beluet in her kytell, or weare any petycote of sylke, that then the husbande of euery suche wyfe shall fynde one stoned horse of the stature aboue in this act recited, or shall incurre the aboue sayd penaltie and forsaite of .xx. poundes, to be leuyed and recouered as is aforesayd.

¶ Prouided also that this acte or any thyng therin conteyned shall not extend to charge any person or persons, whose wyfe or wyues shall weare any of the apparayle or thynges aboue reherced, duringe the tyme suche wyfe or wyues shall be deuorced from her or theyr husbande or husbandes, or shall wyllingely absent her selfe from her sayde husbande, and duringe suche absence shall weare any of the apparayle or other thynges aforesayd.

¶ Prouided alwayes that heyres within age, being wardes, whose landes tenementes and hereditamentes amounte to the pccely value of .cc. sh. shall not be compelled by auctorite of this acte, tyll they come to theyr full age, to kepe any horses, althoughe the wyfes of suche heyres within age weare any gowne of sylke, or any frenche hood or bonet of beluet, with any habillment past or edge of gold perle or stone, or any chayne of gold about theyr neckes, or in theyr pattlets, or in any apparayl of theyr body, any thyng in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided also that if all or any the horses kepte by vertue of this acte, shall happen to be kylled maymed or lost in the seruice of the kynges warres, that then in euery such case the owners of suche horse or horses, so kylled maymed perished or lost in the warres, shall haue libertie by the space of two yeres nexte after suche chaunce of kyllinge maymyng perishing or losyng theyr horses, to prouide other horses in the steede and place of the horses so kylled maymed perished or lost in the warres, without any daungier losse or penalty of this acte, any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided also, that carte horses or sumpter horses shall not be taken reputed or reckened for any suche horses, whiche any person is or shalbe bounden to kepe by vertue of this acte.



**An act concernynge crossebowes and handgunnes. Cap. vi.**



HERE IN the parliament holden at Westmynster, the.xv. day of Januarye, in the.xxv. yere of the kynges most gracious reigne, and there continued and kept vntyll the.xxx. day of Marche then next ensuyng, amonge dyuers and sundry holisome and laudable actes statutes and ordynaunces, one statute and ordynance was made and ordeined for the auoyding and eschewing of shotynge in Crossebowes and handgunnes: Whyns the makynge of whiche act dyuerse malicious and euyl disposed persons, not only presumynge wilfully and obstinately the violacion and breache of the said act, but also of their malicious and euyl disposed wylles and purposes, haue wylfully and shamefully comitted perpetrated and done dyuerse detestable and shamefull murders robberies felonies riottes and routes with crossebowes, lytel shot handgunnes, and lytel hagbuttes, to the great peril and continual feare and danger of the kyngis most loupng subiectes: and also dyuers keepers of foresies chases and parkes, as well of our sayd souerayne lord, as other his nobles and commons, and dyuerse gentylmen yomen and seruing men now of late haue layde apart the good and laudable exercise of the long bowe, which alway heretofore hath ben the suretie sauegarde and contynuall defence of this realme of England, and an inestimable dyede and terrour to the enemies of the same: And now of late the said euyl disposed persons haue vsed and yet do dayly vse to ryde and go in the kynges high wayes and els where, haupng with them crossebowes and lytel handgunnes redy furnyshed with quarelles gounpouder, fyre, & touche, to the great perill and feare of the kynges most loupng subiectes. For reformation wherof be it enacted ordeined and established by the kyng our souerayne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, in maner and forme folowing, That is to say, that no person or persons, of what estate or degree he or they be, except he or they in their owne right, or in the righte of his or their wyues, to his or their owne vses, or any other to the vse of any such person or persons, haue landes tenementes fees annuities or offices to the yerely valu of one hundred poun des, from or after the last day of June next commynge, shall shote in any crosse bowe handgunne hagbut or demi hake, or vse or kepe in his or their houses or els where, any crossebowe handgunne, hagbut or demp hake, other wyse or in any other maner, than is hereafter in this present acte declared, vpon payne to forsaite for euery tyme that he or they so offende contrary to this acte. x. li.

And furthermoze be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that no person or persons, of what estate or degree so euer he or they be, from or after the said last day of June, shall shote in, carpe kepe vse or haue in his house or els where any handgunne, other than suche as shall be in the stocke and gunne of the length of one hole parde, or any hagbut or demp hake, other than suche as shall

be in the stocke and gun of the length of thye quarters of one yerde, vpon payne to forfait for every tyme that he or they shall shote in any vyle or haue any suche gunne, beinge not of the length of one hole yerde, or hagbut or demp hake, beinge not of the length of thye quarters of a yerde. x. li. sterlyng. And that it shall be lawfull to every person and persons, whiche haue landes tenementes fees annuities or offices, to the yerely value of one hundred pounds, as is aforesayd, to seale and take every suche crossebowe, and also every handgunne beinge in stocke and gunne shorter in length than one hole yerde, and every hagbutte and demp hake, beinge shorter in length than thye quarters of a yerde, or any of them, from the keepinge or possession of every suche offender contrary to the forme of this acte, and the same crossebowe or crossebowes to kepe and reteyne to his or their owne vse. And also the same handgunnes hagbuttes and demp hakes, so sealed and taken, within xx. dayes next after the same seisure or takinge, to breake and destroye, vpon payn of x. li. s. for every gun so sealed and not broken and destroyed: and the same so broken and destroyed, to kepe and reteyne to his or their owne vse.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that no person or persons, other than such as haue landes tenementes rentes fees annuities or offices, to the yerely valu of one hundred pounds, as is aforesaid, from or after the sayd last day of June, shall in any wyle shote in or with any gunne charged or furnished with powder fyre or touche for the same, except it be in time of service of warr, vpon pain to forfait for every such offence. x. li. this present acte, or any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that no person or persons, from the sayd last day of June, shall in any wyle shote in or with any handgunne demp hake or hagbut at any thing at large, within any cite borough or market towne, nor within one quarter of a mile of any cite borough or market towne, except it be at a butte or banke of erth in place convenient, or for the defence of his person or house, vpon payne to forfait for every suche shote. x. li. this present acte, or any thinge therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that no person or persons, of what estate or degree so ever he or they be, shall from or after the said last day of June, commaunde any of his or their seruantes, to shote in any crossebowe handgunne hagbut or demp hake, of his or their sayd maysters, or of any other persons, to any dete foule or other thynge, excepte it be onely at a butte or banke of erthe, or in the time of warr, as is aboue sayde, vpon payne to forfait for every such offence. x. li. The one moytie of all whiche forfeitures and penalties in this present acte aboue specified, shall be to the kyng our souerayne lord, his heires and successours, and the other moytie therof to the partie that will sue for the same, by bylle playnte action of debt or information in any of the kynges courtes of record, in whiche suite no ellopn protection nor wager of lawe shall be allowed.



**PROVIDED** alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that it shalbe lawfull from hensforth to all gentylle menne yomen and scrupnge men of every lord or lordes spirituall or tempozall, and of al knyghtes esquiers and gentylmen, and to all the inhabitantes of cities boroughes and market towne of this realme of Englande, to shote with any handgonne demy hake or hagbut at any butte or banke of erth, onely in place convenient for the same, so that every suche handgonne demy hake and hagbutte be of the severall lengthes aforesayd, and not vnder. And that it shalbe lawfull to every of the sayd lord and lordes knyghtes esquiers and gentylmen, and the inhabitantes of every citie borough and market towne, to haue and kepe in every of their houses any suche handgonne or handgunnes of the length of one hole yerde, or any hagbut or demy hake of the lengthe of thre quarters of a yerde, as is aforesayde, and not vnder, to the intent to vse and shote in the same at a butte or banke of erth onely as is abovesayde, wherby they and every of them by the exercise therof in forme abovesaid, may the better ayd and assyst to the defence of this realme, whan nede shall require, this present act or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

**And** be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that it shalbe lawfull to every person and persones, whiche dwelleth and inhabiteth in any house, standyng and beinge set distant two furlonges frome any citie borough or towne, to kepe and haue in his said house, for the onely defence of the same, handgunnes hagbuttes and demy hakes, being of the severall lengthes aforesayde, and not vnder, and to vse and exercise to shote in the same at any butte or banke of erth nere to his house, and not otherwise: any chinge contrarie in this act to the contrary not withstanding.

**And** furthermore the kinges most louyng subiectes, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, most humbly do beseeche the kynges maiestie, that it be further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all letters patentes fraternities and also all other placardes licences and byll assigned heretofore had made or signed by his highnes, or by any other auctorised by his maiesties letters patentes vnder his great seale, to gyue licence and placarde to shote in crossebowes and handgunnes or any of them, shall be from and after the sayd laste day of June, frustrate voyde and of none effecte.

**And** also that it may be further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayd statute, made in the sayd. xxv. yere of the kinges most gracious reigne, and all other statutes heretofore made and provided for the auoydng and restreynnt of shotyng in crossebowes and handgunnes, or for any of them, or for the vsyng and keepyng of the same, be from hensforth utterly voyde and of none effecte.

**Provided** alway, that every procelle suite or information conceyued committed and now dependyng, for any offence done contrarie to the fourme of the said statute, made in the said. xxv. yere of the kynges most noble reigne or of any other statute, made or provided for and concernyng the shotyng in crosse

crossbowes and handgunnes not repelled, and for the keepinge of the same, shalbe as good and effectual to the parties that haue comensed the same, and shall stande and be in suche fourme effect degree and condition, as if this act had neuer be made.

**¶** Provided also, that this act or any thyng therein conteyned, be not in any wise hurtfull or prejudicial to any person or persons, now being, or that here after shall be appoynted by the kynges highnes, to kepe receyue or take any crossbowes or handgunnes, that shall be forsaited or taken within the precincte or libertie of the kynges forestes parkes or chases, but that he or they may lawfully kepe and receyue the same crossbowes or handgunnes from tyme to tyme, vntyll suche tyme as the further pleasure of the kynges highnes in that behalf be to euery such person shewed and declared.

**¶** Provided also that this acte extende not to the makers of crossbowes or handgunnes, but that they may lawfully kepe crossbowes and handgunnes hagbuttes and demy hakes in their houses, and shote in the same, only for prouyng and assaueing of them at a butte or banke of erthe in the place conuenient, and not otherwise: so that the sayd handgunnes hagbuttes & demy hakes be of the seuerall length in stocke and gunne, as is aboue lymitted.

**¶** Provided also, that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, extende not, or be prejudicial to any marchantes, which haue or shal haue any crosse bowes handgunnes hagbuttes and demy hakes, or any of them, to sel with in this realme, and to none other vse: so that the same handgunnes hagbuttes and demy hakes be of the seuerall length in gunne and stocks as is aboue lymitted, and not vnder.

**¶** Provided also, that no maner of persone runne in any daunger or take hurt by reason of any penaltie or forsaiture conteyned in this acte, vntyll suche tyme as proclamation be made of the same acte, within the countie, where the partie, that shall or may offend contrary to this act, dwelleth, by the space of .xx. dayes next after the makinge of the said proclamation.

**¶** Provided also, that if any maner of person bringe or cause to be brought with hym into his lodgyng, or in or to any other mans house, any crossebow or handgunne, that than the penaltie and forsaiture, if any such be or here after shall be forsaited by reason of this acte, to runne and be onely vpon the byrger of the sayde crossebowe and handgunne, and not to the owner of the same lodgyng or house, if the sayde owner of the sayde lodgyng or house, cause the byrger therof to take and to cary away the sayd crossebow or handgunne agayne with hym at his departyng: Any thyng in this acte made to the contrary not withstandinge.

**¶** AND be it also enacted by the auctorite of this present parlyament, that if any person or persons, from or after the last day of June next comynge, see or fynd any person or persons offendyng or doing contrary to the forme and effect of this act: that than it shalbe lesul to euery suche person or persones, perceyuing fyndyng or seing any such person or persones so offendyng contrary to the forme of this acte, to arreste and attache euery suche offender or



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offenders, and to byng oꝛ conuey the same to the next iustyce of the peace of the same countie, where the sayd offender oꝛ offenders shall be founde so offending. And that the same iustyce of peace, vpon a due examination and prooffe therof befoze hym had oꝛ made by his discretion, shall haue full power and auctoritie to sende oꝛ comitte the same offender oꝛ offenders to the nexte taylor, there to remayne tyll such tyme as the sayd penaltie oꝛ forfaiture shalbe truly contented and payd, by the sayd offender: The one moytie of the same penaltie to be paid to the kinges highnes, and the other moytie therof to the first byng oꝛ conueyer of the sayde offender to the same iustyce of peace.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if any person oꝛ persons do at any tyme hereafter opteyne get oꝛ purchase of the kynges maiestie, his heires oꝛ successours, any placarde licence oꝛ byll assigned, to shote in any crossebowe handgunne hagbutte oꝛ demy hake, contrary to the tenor purport and effect of this present act: that than there shalbe conteyned in euery suche placard licence and byll assigned, at what beastes foules oꝛ other thinges the sayd person oꝛ persons so opteynyng any suche placarde licence oꝛ byll assigned, shal shote at with any crossebowe handgunne hagbutte oꝛ demy hake: ozels that euery suche placarde licence and byll assigned hereafter to be opteyned gotten oꝛ purchased, shalbe clerely voyde frustrate, and of none effecte. And also that euery suche person oꝛ persons so opteynyng any such placarde licence oꝛ byll assigned, befoze they shote in any suche crossebowe handgunne hagbut oꝛ demy hake in any suche maner oꝛ fourme as shalbe mencioned in any suche placard licence oꝛ byll assigned, shalbe bounden in the kynges court of Chancery by recognisance in the summe of xx. li. to the kynges vse, with and vpon condition, that he so opteynyng oꝛ hauing the sayd licence placarde oꝛ byll assigned, shall not shote in any crossebowe handgunne hagbut oꝛ demy hake, at any other beastes oꝛ foules, than in any suche placarde licence oꝛ byll assigned shall be conteyned and specified, and els all such placard licences & bylles assigned so hereafter to be made to any person oꝛ persons, not being so bounden by recognisance in the court of the Chauncery, as is aforesayd, to be vterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that it shalbe laful to al Iustices of the peace in their sessions, and to al stewardes and bailiffes in their seueral letes and lawdayes, to enquete here and determyne euery suche offence, after the sayd last day of June, to be comitted and done contrary to the tenour of this present act: so that alwayes no lesse fyne than ten poundes be assessed vpon euery suche presentment and conuiction, made accordyng to the due course of the lawe, the same fine so by the same Iustices of peace vpon euery such presentment and conuiction made befoze them in their sessions, to be payde and leuied onely to the kynges vse: and the one moytie of euery fyne to be assessed by the stewardes oꝛ baylyffes of any lete oꝛ lawday, vpon euery presentment and conuiction befoze them to be made, to be payd and leuied to the vse of the kyng our souerain lord: And of the other moytie the one halfe to the owner of the sayd lete oꝛ lawday by distresse oꝛ action

of dette, and the other halfe of the same second moptye of the same fine, to be to the partie that wpll pursue for the same, in any of the kynges courtes, by byll playnt information or action of dette, in the which none eslopn protection nor wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

¶ And be it further enacted, that if any Jury being swoyne and charged to enquire for the kyng our souerayne lord, before any iustices of the peace, or stewardes of letes or lawdays, of any offences committed or done contrary to this presente acte, do wylfully concele any of the same offences, that than the sayd Justices stewardes or bailiffes, before whom any concelement shal be had and done, shal haue auctoritie by vertue of this present act from tyme to tyme to charge and sweare an other Jury of. xii. or mo good and substantiall honest persones, to enquire of every suche concelement. And if any suche concelement be founde and presented by the saide Jury so charged to enquire of the same, that than every one of the sayde first Jurye, that so bydde concele the same, shal lese and forsaite for every suche concelement of every suche offence. xx. s. All whiche forsaitures and penalties of. xx. s. for everie suche concelement of every suche offence so founde and presented before the same Justices of peace, shal wholly be leuied and payde to the kynges vse: And the moptye of all the same forsaitures and penalties of. xx. s. so founde and presented before the stwarde or bailiffes of any leete or lawday, shalbe leuied and paid to the vse of the owner of the said lete or lawday by distresse, or action of dette: and the other moptye therof to be to the partie or parties, that wpll sue for the same by action information byll or playnt in any of the kynges courtes, In the which actions informations bylles or playntes no wager of lawe eslopn nor protection shal be allowed.

¶ Provided always and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if any person or persons hereafter in any part do offende or do contrary to the puruewe and remedy of this act, wherupon cause of action for the same offence shal be gyven to the king his heires or successours, or to any other person or persones that wpll sue by vertue of this acte for the punishment of the sayd offence or forsaytes, that yf the kyng our souerayne lord, his heires or successours, within one yere nexte and immediatly after suche offences and forsaytes had and made, do not pursue theyr action or actions, so gyven by this act, or cause exampnation vpon such defaultes and offences to be had and made, before their counsaile, or other presentmentes therof to be had, accor dyng to the meanyng of the same acte: And every other person, whiche hereafter by vertue of this acte, maye haue action or actions suite or information vppon this statute, within halfe a yere nexte and immediatly after suche offences or forsaytes had and made, do not commence theyr suites information actions or presentmentes of and vpon the sayd forsaytes by action or otherwyle, as in this present acte is lyttled and declared: that than as well the kyng our souerayne lord his heires and successours, after one yere next after suche offences and forsaytes hadde and made, if noo suite in his or their name be taken by action or otherwyle, as is before expressed,



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ted, before the same were ended and determined, as every other person after half a yere next after lyke offences and forfeitures had and done in the fourthe aforesayde, yf no suite therupon be taken by none of theym, in fourthe above declared, be utterly excluded and debarrd of the sayd suites actions informations and examynations to them gyven by vertue of this sayd acte: and the parties and every of theym soo offendynge, shall be of all suche offences and forfeitures clerely discharged and quyte: any thyng in this acte comprised to the contrary notwithstanding.

**PROVIDED** alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this presente acte, ne any thyng therein conteyned, shall in any wyse extend or be prejudiciall unto the kynges subiectes resident or inhabytyng nere unto the costes of the sea in any part of this realme, the sayd howses beinge not above fyve myles distant from the same costes: Nor also to any of the kynges sayde subiectes, inhabytyng within xii. myles of the borders of Scotland: Nor to any the kynges subiectes inhabytantes of the towne and marches of Calyce, Nor to any of the inhabytantes of the ysles of Gernsey, Gernsey, Anglesey, and the Isles of Wight and Man, but that it shall be lawfull for every of the sayde inhabytantes at all tymes here after, to have exercise and vse the sayd handegounnes, hagbuttes, and dempe hakes of the lengthes abovesayde, within the lymittes and Isles abovesayde, soo that it be at noo maner of deere, heaton, howelarde, felaunte, partryche, wyld swanne, or wyld elke, or any of theym, this presente acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

**PROVIDED** also, that this acte ne any thyng therein conteyned, be in any wyse hurtfull or prejudiciall to any servaunt or person, that hereafter from the sayde last day of June, shall vende beare carpe charge vse or aspaye any crossebowe or any handegounne, dempe hake or hagbutte, of the lengthes abovesayde, by the commaundemente of his lord or mayster, soo that the sayde servaunt or persone, doo not shote at any foule deere or other game: of what kynde or nature soo ever they be of: nor also to any suche servaunt persone or persones, that shall after the sayde laste day of June, vende or conueye any crossebowe, handgunne, hagbutte, or dempe hake, of the lengthes aforesayde, to any place or places by the commaundement of his lord or mayster, that maye shote by auctoritie of this acte, to be amended, repayred, deliuered, or assayed, so that the sayde servaunt or other persone, soo buyngynge or conueyinge the sayde crossebowe handegounne hagbutte or demp hake, have redye to shewe to every persone, requyringe the syght thereof, one lycence in wytyngne sealed or subscribed by his sayde lord or mayster, to carpe and conueye the same crossebowe, handegounne, hagbutte or dempe hake, to the entent to be amended, repayred, assayed, or deliuered, as is aforesayde.

**PROVIDED** alwayes, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extend to any owner of any myppe, for haupnge or keepynge of any handgonne hagbutte, or demp hake, of the severall lengthes in this acte

act expressed, or vnder, only to be had and occupied within any chep, shipp or other vessel, or for the carriage and recarriage of them or any of them on land or kepping of them, for the only exercise and occupying of them within their sayd shipp or vessel: Any thynge in this acte to the contrary in any wise nor withstandinge.

**I**n acte concernynge the conueyance of brasse, latten, and bell metall ouer the sea. Cap. vii.



**W**HERE IN THE parliament holden at Westm, the thirde day of Nouember, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our soueraygne lord the kynge that now is, amongst other thynge it was enacted, that no persone or persones shulde from thens forth carpe or conuey any brasse, copper, latten, bell metall, gunne metall, ne any other metal in to any parte or

partes beyonde the sea, vpon payne of forfayture of the sayde metall, as by the sayde acte more plainly appereth. Whiche the makinge of whiche estatute byuerse persones, as well englyshe men as straungers, haue disceitfully oportunityed lycenties of the kynges highnes, to carpe ouer bel metall and ether broken metall, furnisying the same metalls not to be mete for making of gunnes and other engines of warre, nor for implemantes necessarye for householde, whiche summe is proued vntrewe, as the common experyence therof daily declareth: So that all other realmes and countreys be full of artillery and munitions, and this realme lyke to lacke, if more hasty remedie to stop the conueyance of the same be not further prouided then is in the same acte. wherfore maye it please the kynges highnes, and the lordes spiritual and temporell, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same to enact, that no person nor persons from henceforth shall carpe or conuey by water or other wise, any brasse, copper, latten, bell metall, pan metall, gunne metall, nor any other metal, whether it be cleane or myxed (cyn and leade onely excepted) in to any part beyonde the sea, or into any outward realme or dominion what so euer it be, vpon payne to forfayte the double value of the same metall so carped and conueied, the one halfe therof to be to the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the other to the partie that will sue for the same by writt byll playnte or information, in the which the no assaynor or p[ro]secution shall be allowed.

**A**ND further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, for the true meaninge of this estatute, that the triuall discharge and deliuerie of the sayde metalles in any parties beyonde the sea, or in any other forren realme or dominion, shalbe tried and determined within this realme, in suche county or place where the sayde metal or metalles were shipped or fyrste carped, with lyke proces and determination as at other informations or actions be tried and adiudged within this realme, or as the same fact hadben done within this realme and dominion.

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**¶** AND be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no person nor persones at any tyme hereafter, shall shippe or carry any of the sayd mettalles afoze rehearsed, to carry or discharge the same in any parte of this realme, onelesse such person or persons before the shippinge thereof do declare and manifeste vnto the customer of suche port or cytche, where the same mettall shall be shipped, the true weyghte of al such mettall as shalbe shipped, and also shall make a sufficient obligation in the lawe, in the which he shall be bounden to the sayde customer to the kynges vse, in suche summe as shall amounte to the double value of the sayde mettall so declared and manifested, with condition, that the same shal be discharged at some port or cytche within this realme, and in no other place, vpon payne to forsaite the same, in maner and fourme aboue rehearsed. And that euery suche person or persons, that shall shippe suche mettalles, and be and shall be bounden as is afoze sayd, shal within eyght monethes nexte after the shippinge thereof, bringe a true certificate from the customer of the port cytche or place, where he or they shall happen to discharge the same mettall, testifyinge that the same mettall soo shipped, and the true weyght thereof, is there discharged: whiche certificate the customer of suche place, where the sayde mettall shall be discharged, shal vpon the discharge thereof, make and deliuer to the partie so discharginge, or to his factour without any delay.

**¶** AND be it further enacted, that if any customer or his deputie, by couyn or by any other vndue meane, do make any false or vntreue certificate concerninge the sayd discharginge of suche mettall, contrary to the trewe meaninge of this acte, that then suche customer, so falsely or vntreuely certifyinge, as is afoze sayde, shall lose his office, and also the value of the goods so conceled out of the sayde certificate.

**¶** PROVIDED alwaie that if the sayde mettall by tempest of weather be drowned, or by enemies or pirates robbed and spoyled, and that sufficiently proued without fraude or couyn before the customer & comptroller, or they sufficient deputies, in the port where the partie or parties so shipped the mettalles afoze sayde, or any of them, by the sayde partie or parties or they executours: that then he or they soo bringinge suche sufficient prouise, shall haue his obligation to hym deliuered, or elles he and his executours thereof to be acquitted and clerely discharged, any thyng in this acte to the contrary conteyned not withstandinge.

**¶** Provided alwaie and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this acte shall only take his effect and be put in execution from and after the first daie of Aprill nexte comminge.

**¶** In act agaynst confurations, witchcraftes, sojcery, and enchauntinentes. Cap. viii.

**W**HERE dyuerse and sundry persones vnlawfully haue deuised and practised inuocations and coniurations of spirites, pretending by suche meanes to vnderstande and gette knowledge for theyr owne lucre, in what

what place treasure of golde and syluer shulde oꝛ mought be founde oꝛ had in the erthe oꝛ other secreete places, and also haue bled and occupied witchcraftes inchauntmentes & sojceries, to the distruction of theꝝ neyghbours persons and goodes: And foꝛ execution of their said false deuises and practises haue made oꝛ caused to be made dyuerse ymages and pictures of men, women, childꝛen, angels, oꝛ diuels, beastes oꝛ foules, and also haue made crownes, scepters, swordes, rynges, glasses, and other thynges: And gyvinge faythe and credit to suche fantasticall practises, haue dygged by and pulled downe an infinite number of crosses within this realme, and taken vpon them to declare and tell where thynges lost oꝛ stolen shuld be become, which thinges can not be bled and exercised, but to the great offence of goddes lawe, hurte and damage of the kynges subiectes, and losse of the soules of such offendours, to the great dishonour of god, infamy and disquietnes of the realme. Foꝛ reformation wherof be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that if any person oꝛ persons, after the fyfthe day of Maye nexte commynge, vse deuple practise oꝛ exercyse, oꝛ cause to be bled deuised practised oꝛ exercised any inuocations oꝛ coniurations of spirites witchcraftes enchauntmentes oꝛ sojceries, to thintente to get oꝛ fynde money oꝛ treasure, oꝛ to waste consume oꝛ destroye any person in his body members oꝛ goodes, oꝛ to pꝛouoke any person to vnlaful loue, oꝛ foꝛ any other vnlaful entent oꝛ purpose, oꝛ by occasion oꝛ colour of suche thynges, oꝛ any of them, oꝛ foꝛ despite of Christe, oꝛ foꝛ lucre of money, dyg by oꝛ pull downe any crosse oꝛ crosses, oꝛ by such inuocations oꝛ coniurations of spirites witchcraftes enchauntmentes oꝛ sojcery, oꝛ any of them, take vpon them to tell oꝛ declare where goodes stolen oꝛ losse shal be come: That then all and euery suche offence and offences, from the sayd fyfthe daye of Maye nexte commynge, shalbe demed and adiudged felony: And that all and euery person and persones offendinge as is aboue sayde, theꝝ counsailours abettours and procurers and euery of them, from the sayde fyfthe daye of Maye, shal be demed accepted and adiudged a felon and felones. And the offender and offenders contrary to this acte, beinge therof lafully conuicte befoꝛe suche as shal haue power and auctorite to here and determine felonies, shal haue and suffer suche peynes of deathe, losse and forsaitures of theꝝ landes tenementes goodes and catals, as in cases of felony by the course of the comon lawes of this realme, and also shal lose pryvilege of clerge and sanctuary.

**C**An acte foꝛ the maintenaunce of artillary, debarring vnlawfull games. Cap. ix.



**M**O S T humbly complaynyng shewe vnto your highnes your dayly oratours the bowyers, fletchers, stringers and arrowe headde makers of this your realme, that where foꝛ the aduaunce ment and maintenaunce of archery, the better to be mapnteyned



ned and had within the same, and for the annoyding of diuers and many profitable games and playes, occupied and practysed within this realme, to the great hurte and let of shooting and archery, dyuers good and lausfull statutes haue ben deuysed enacted and made, amongst which one was made in a parliament holden at Westm, in the thirde yere of your most gracious reigne and the same act made perpetuall in the parliament there holden, in the sixte yere of your sayd reigne, the whiche good and laudable acte not withstandinge dyuers and many subtyll inuentatiue and crafty persons, intending to defraude the same statutes, synthen the making therof, haue found and dayly fynd many and sondry new and crafty games and playes, as logating in the fieldes, syde thurst, other wyle called Thoue grore, as well within the city of London as elles where in my other and dyuers parties of this realme, keepng houses playes and alces for the maintenaunce therof, by reason wherof archery is soze decayed, and dayly is lyke to be moze and moze minished, and dyuers bowyers and fletchers, for lacke of worke, gone and inhabit them selves in Scotland and other places out of this realme, there working and teachyng their science to the puissaunce of the same, to the grete comforte of straungers, and detrimment of this realme. And where also your graces subiectes, bowyers fletchers and other artificers afoze named, from tyme to tyme resorte repayre and come out of all places of this your realme vnto the city of London, for lacke of liuinge, and do inhabit nigh the same city, or in the suburbes of the same city, and in stretes and lanes of the same city, beinge no free men of the same city, nor bearynge nother scot lot nor other charges within your sayd city, as other citizens and fre men of the same city do and are bound to do, and by theyr othes are swoyne to do, and which citizens and free men of your sayde city of the mysteries and craftes before rehearsed, whiche haue ben brought vp as prentises from theyr youth, dwelling within the fredome of your sayd city of London, are alwayes in redynes to turne the your graces assayes whan they shalbe commaunded: By reason of the whiche resorte and abode of such forcyenes and straungers, of the mysteries and craftes before rehearsed, in the suburbes stretes and lanes of the same city, other citiees towne villages and places within this realme, remaine and be unfurnished of artificers and craftes men before rehearsed, to the great decay of the archery of this realme. And for so moch as it appeareth by the preamble of the sayd statute, enacted the sayd thirde yere, whiche was establisshed and made perpetuall in the foresayde. vi. yere of your most gracious reigne, that your highnes, calling to your most noble and gracious remembraunce, that by the seate and exercise of the subiectes of this your realme, in shooting in longe bowes, there hath continually growen and ben within the same, great number and multitude of good archers, whiche hath not onely defended this realme, and the subiectes therof, agaynst the cruell malice and daungier of theyr outwarde ennemies in tyme heretofore passe, but also with littell number and puissaunce, in regarde, haue done many notable actes and discomfitures of warre, agaynst the infidels and other, and further

furthermoze subdued and reduced bluers and many regions and countreys to theyr due obeysance, to the great honour fame and suertie of this realme and subiectes, and to the terrible drede and feare of al strange nations, any thyng to attempt oꝛ do to the hurt oꝛ damage of them oꝛ any of theym: Yet neuer the lesse archerpe, and shotinge in longe bowes, was lyttell vsed, but dayely dyd minishe decaye and abate moze and moze, foꝛ that moche partie of the comminaltie and pooꝛe people of the realme, wherby of olde tyme the great number and substance of archers hath growen and multiplied, were not of power oꝛ ability to bꝛe them longe bowes of cwe, to exercise shotyng in the same, and to susteyne the continuall charge therof, and alsoo by meanes and occasion of customable vsage of tennys playe boules clothe and oꝛther vnlaufull games, pꝛohybite by many good and beneficial estatutes, by auctoritie of parliament in that behalfe pꝛouided and made, great impouerishment hath ensued, and many heynous murders robberies and felonies were comitted and done, and also the diuine seruice by suche mysdoers on holp and festiuall daies not harde oꝛ solemnised, to the highe displeasure of almighty god, as by the foꝛesayd pꝛeamble moze playnly maye appere. It maye therfoze be enacted by your highnes, the loꝛdes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this pꝛesent parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that euery man, beyng the kynges subiecte, not lame decrepit noꝛ maymed, noꝛ haupnge any other lausful oꝛ reasonable cause oꝛ impediment, beyng within the age of. lx. yeres (excepte spirituall men, iustices of the one bench and of the other, iustices of the assise, and barons of the Eschequer) shall from the feast of Pentecoste next commyng vse and exercise shotyng in longe bowes, and also haue a bowe and arrowes redy continually in his house, to vse hym selfe and do vse hym selfe in shotyng: And also the father gouernours and rulers of suche as be of tender age, do teache and byngge by them in the knowledge of the same shotyng: And that euery man, haupnge a man chyld oꝛ men chyldren in his house, shall pꝛouide oꝛdeyne and haue in his house, foꝛ euery man chyld, being of the age of. vii. yeres and about. tyll he shall come to the age of. xvi. yeres, a bowe and two shaftes, to induce and lerne them and byng them by in shotyng, and shall deliuer al the same bow and arrowes to the same ponge men, to vse and occupie: And if the same ponge men be seruauntes, that then their maisters shall abate the money, that they shall paye foꝛ the same bowes and arrowes of theyr wages. And after all suche ponge men shall come to the age of. xvi. yeres, euery of them shall pꝛouide and haue a bowe and. iiii. arrowes continually foꝛ hym selfe at his proper costes and charges, oꝛ els of the gyfte oꝛ pꝛouision of his stendes, and vse and occupie the same in shotyng, as is befoze reherced. And if the maister suffer any of his seruauntes, takyng wages, beinge in his household, and vnder the age of. xvi. yeres, oꝛ the father suffer any of his sonnes, beinge in his household, and vnder the age of. xvi. yeres, to lacke a bowe and two arrowes, contrary to the fourme of this statute, by the space of one monethe together: then the mayster oꝛ father,

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in whom suche negligens shall be, shall for every suche default forfeit. vi. s. viii. d. And that euery seruante, passynge the age of. xvi. yerres, and vnder the age of. lx. yerres, and takynge wages, whiche can o; is able to shote, and shall lacke a bowe and. iiii. arrowes, by the space of one moneth together, shall for every suche default forfeite and lose vi. s. viii. d.

¶ Be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that no man, vnder the age of. xxiii. yerres, shall shote at any standynge pykke, excepte it be for a rouer, wherat he shall chaunge at euery shote his marke, vpon paine for euery shote dopnge the contrary. iiii. d. And that no other person aboue the sayde age of. xxiii. yerres, shall shote at any marke of. xl. score pades o; vnder, with any pykke waste o; flight, vnder the peyne to forfeit for euery shote. vi. s. viii. d. And that no person, vnder the age of. xvii. yerres, excepte he o; his father o; mother haue landes o; tenementes to the yerely value of. x. li. o; be worth in mouables the summe of. xl. markes sterlyng, shall shote in any bowe of ewe, whiche shall be boughte for hym after the feast of the purification of our lady nexte commynge, vnder the peyne to lose and forfeite. vi. s. viii. d. And also that buttes be made on this lyde the feast of saynte Michell the archangell nexte commynge in euery citie towne and place by the inhabitantes of euery suche citie towne and place, accordynge to the lawe of auncient time vsed. And that the inhabitantes and dwellers in euery of them be compelled to make and continue suche buttes, vpon peyne to forfeit for euery thre monethes so lackynge. x. s. And that the sayd inhabitantes shall exercise them selfe with longe bowes in shotyng at the same, and els where, in holy dayes and other tymes couenient. ¶ And to thentent that euery person may haue bowes of meane pryce, be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that euery bowyer, dwelling ouer of the citie and suburbs of London, shall after the sayd feast of the Purification of our lady nexte commynge, for euery bowe that he maketh of ewe, make. iiii. other bowes mete to shote in, of elme, wyche, hasyll, ashe, o; other wood apte for the same, vnder the peyne to lose and forfeit for euery suche bowe so lackynge. iiii. s. iiii. d. And euery bowyer, dwelling within the sayde citie o; suburbs of London, shall after the sayd feast of the Purification of our lady nexte commynge, for euery bowe of ewe that he shall make, shall also make two other bowes apte for shotyng, of ashe elme wyche hasyll o; other woode mete for the same, vnder lyke peyne and forfeiture.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no bowyer shall sell any bowe of ewe, for any persone, beyng betwene the age of. vii. yerres, and. xiiii. yerres, aboue the pryce of. xii. d. And that the same bowyers shall haue bowes of ewe of all pryses from. vi. d. the piece, to. xii. d. the piece, for yowthe betwene the sayde ages of. vii. yerres and. xiiii. yerres. And lykewise haue bowes of ewe for yowthe betwene the age of. xiiii. yerres and. xxi. yerres, and shall sell the same at reasonable pryses. And moze ouer that no bowyer shall sell o; put to sale to any the kynges subiectes, any bowe of ewe of the taxe called elke, aboue the pryce of. iiii. s. iiii. d. vnder the peyne to forfeite

xx. s. for every bowe solde to the contrary, above the sayd pryce of .iii. s. iiii. d. as appereth by a statute made in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of king Edward the. iiii. the fourth chapter. And that all bowe staues of ewe, hereafter to be brought in to this realme, shal be solde open and not in bundelles nor close, to the intente the byers of them maye haue perfecte knowledge of the goodnes of them, and gyue the better pryce for them, if they be so worthe.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that fletchers of London, and the suburbes of the same, may at their libertie sell seasonable ymber to every fletcher of the countrey, without fallpynge into any penaltie or daungier to any of theyr wardens for so doing, and that all ordinaunces and other lawes made or to be made by theyr wardens or other wylle to the contrary, shal be from henceforth clerely frustrate and voyde.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the bowyers, fletchers stringers and arrow head makers, repayng, and resoytynge vnto the sayd city or the suburbes of the same, and there mayng theyr dwelling or abydinge, beyng not free men of the sayd city, bearyng nother scot nor loe within the saide city, shall at all tymes, by the appoyntment of your graces most honorable counsaile, the lord Chauncellour of England for the tyme being, lord treasurer, or the lord priuie seale, or one of them, go and inhabit suche citie boroughes and townes, as be destitute of suche artificers, and there to exercise occupy and practyse theyr sayde craftes and faculties, for the mayntenaunce of artillery and archery. And if any suche persone, to whome watynge shal be so gyuen by the kynges most honorable counsel, the lord Chauncellour, the lord treasurer, or the lord priuie seale, as is aforesayde, to departe vnto other townes or places of the sayd realme of Englande, from the saide city of London, the suburbes stretes lanes and places nere the same, refuse to accomplishe the same: that then he or they so refusynge, shall forsaite for every day, that he shall make his abode contrary to this acte. xl. s.

¶ Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that no straunger borne out of the kynges obeyssaunce, not beinge denysen, shall conuey or do to be conueyed, gyue sel or exchaunge into any parties out of the kynges obeyssaunce, any longe bowes arrowes or shaftes, without the kynges speyall licence, vpon payne of forsaiture of the same, where so euer they shall be taken, or the value therof, within the kynges power, and vpon payne of imprisonment without bayle or maynpryse, vnto suche tyme he or they so beinge in ward, haue made a reasonable fyne to the kyng for his or theyr offences, afore the Justice of peace, or. ii. of theym in theyr sessions in the same countie, where he or they shall be committed to ward, or fynde sufficiente fuertrie for the payment of the same fyne. And that no maner of person, not beinge borne within the kynges obeyssaunce, nor made denysen, vse within the kynges obeyssaunce shotynge with longe bowes, without the kynges licence, vpon payne of forsaiture suche bowes arrowes and shaftes as they shall be founden so shotynge with: and every of the kynges subiectes may haue auctoritie to take and seyse the same forsaitures to his owne vse. And that iu-



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Justices of assise of gaule delpuerep, iustices of peace, and stewarthes of franchises leetes and lawdaies, haue power to enquire of al the pzenissles in thet sessions, leetes, and lawdaies, and here and determine the same, and also by thei discretion, examine all persons, lackynge and not haupnge bowes shaftes and arrowes accordynge to the fourme afoze said.

¶ Be it also enacted by the auctoritie afozesayd, that no maner of person or persons, of what degre qualite or condition so euer he or they be, from the feast of the natiuitie of sayncte Jhon Baptist now next comynge, by hym selfe factour deputie seruauit or other person, shal for his or theyr gayne lucre or liuynge, kepe haue holde occuppe exercyse or mayntayne any common house alep or place of boulyng corynge closhe cayles halfe boule tennis dysynge table or cardynge, or any other maner of game prolybit by any estatute heretofore made, or any vnlawful newe game now inuented or made, or any other new vnlawful game hereafter to be inuented found had or made, vpon payne to forseyt and pay for euery dape, keepnge haupnge or maynteynyng, or sufferynge any suche game to be had kepte executed played or maynteyned within any suche house gardeyne alep or other place, contrary to the fourme and effecte of this estatute, xl. s. And also euery person, vsynge and haūtyng any of the sayde houses and playes, and there playynge, to forsayte for euery tyme so doynge, vi. s. viii. d. And if any person hereafter sue for any placarde, to haue common gamynge in his house, contrary to this estatute, that then it shal be conteyned in the same placard, what game shalbe vsed in the same house, and what persons shal playe therat, and euery placarde graunted to the contrary, to be voyde: and also that the partie opteyninge any suche placarde, before he put the same in execution, shal be bound with sufficient suerties with hym by recognisaunce in the Chauncery in a certayn summe, to be appoynted by the discretion of the lord Chauncellour of Englande, that he shal not vse the sayde placarde contrary to the fourme therof.

¶ Be it further enacted by the auctoritie afozesayd, that it shalbe lesfull to all and euery the iustices of peace in euery shyre, mayres shyryffes baylyffes and other head offycers, within euery city town and borough within this realme, from tyme to tyme, as well within liberties as without, as neede & case shal requyre, to come enter and resozte into all and euery houses places and alleys, where suche games shalbe suspected to be holden exercised vsed or occupied contrary to the fourme of this estatute, and as wel the keepers of the same, as also the persones there haūtyng resoptyng and playeng, to take arest and emprison, and them so taken and arested, to kepe in prizon vnto suche tyme as the keepers and maynteyners of the sayd plays and games, haue founde suerties to the kynges vse, to be bound by recognisaunce or other wyse no lenger to vse kepe or occuppy any such house playe game alep or place: and also that the persons there so founde be in lyke case bounden by them selves, or elles with suerties, by the discretion of the Justices mayres shyreffes baylyffes or other heade offycers, no moze to play haunt or exercyse from thense forth, in at or to any of the sayde places, or at any of the sayd games.

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Also be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that the mayres shyriffes baylyffes constables and other head officers, within euery cite, borough and towne, within this realme, where any suche officers shal fortune to be, as well within the fraunchises as withoute, shal make betw seche weke, or at the furthest at all tymes hereafter ones euery moneth, in all places where any suche houses aleys playes or places shal be suspected to be had kepte and maynteyned: And if the sayde mayres shyriffes baylyffes constables or other head officers within theyr citie boroughes and townes, as well within fraunchises as without, do not make due seche at the furthest ones euery moneth, if the case so requyre, accordeynge to the tenour of this acte, and do not execute the same in all thynges accordeynge to the purporte and force of the same: that then euery suche mayre shyriffes baylyffes constable or other head officer, to paye and forsaite for euery moneth, not makynge suche seche, nor executinge the same. xl. s.

Be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that no maner of artificer or crafter man of any handy craft or occupation, hus bande man, apprentice labourer seruaunte at hus bandy, tourney man or seruaunt of artificer, marchiers fishermen watermen or any seruyng man, shal from the sayde feast of the Natyuite of saynte Iohn Baptiste, playe at the tables tenys dice cardes boules clashe coryngge logatynge, or any other vnlaufulle game, out of Christmas, vnder the peyne of. xx. s. to be forseyte for euery tyme, and i. Christmas to playe at any of the sayde games in theyr maisters houses, or in theyr maisters pcesence. And also that no maner of person shal at any tyme playe at any boule or boules in open places out of his gardeyne or orchard, vnder the peyne for euery tyme so offendynge to forseyte. vi. s. butt. d. And that all Justices of peace mayres baylyffes shyriffes and all other head officers, and euery of them, fyndynge or knowynge any maner person or personnes, vsynge or exercysynge any vnlefull games, contrary to this presente estatute, shal haue fulle power and auctorite to conmyt euery suche offender to warde, there to remayne without bayle or maynpysse, vntyll suche tyme that they so offendynge, be bounden by obligacion to the kynges vse, in suche summes of money, as by the discrecion of the sayde justices mayres baylyffes or other head officers, shal be thoughte reasonable, that they or any of them shal not from thenseforth, vse suche vnlaufull games.

Be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that all other statutes made for the restraynt of vnlaufull games, or for the maintenance of artillery as touchynge the penalties or forsaitures of the same, shalbe from hens forth the betterly voyde. And that all informations playntes actions or suites that shalbe taken or suid vpon any part of this estatute, shalbe commensted within the yere after the offence committed and done, or otherwise no aduantage or suite therof to be taken. And where any suche forsaitures shal happen to be founde within the pccinct of any fraunchise lete or lawday, then the lord of the same fraunchise lete or lawdaye, to haue the one moytie therof, and the other moytie thereof to any of the kynges subiectes that wyl



sue for the same, in any of the kynges courtes, by action information byll or other wyse, in whiche action or suite the defendaunte shall not be admytted to wage his lawe, nor any protection nor eslopie shall be allowed: And where suche forsaiture shall be founden out of the precincte of any franchise lere or lawdape, that the moptye of all suche forsaitures shall be to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the other moptye therof to any the kynges subiectes that wyl sue for the same, by byll plapnt action information or other wyse in any of the kynges courtes, in whiche suite or action the defendante shall not be admytted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or eslopie shall be allowed.

**¶** AND to the intente that euerye persone maye haue knowledge of this acte, and auoyde the daungers and penalties of the same, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all mayres bayliffes shireffes and all other head offycers, shall foure tymes in the yere, that is to saye, euerye quarter ones, make open proclamation of this present acte in euery markette to be holden within theyr seuerall iurysdictions and auctorities. And also that the Justices of gaole deliuerie, assyses, and Justices of peace, doo cause the same to be proclaimed in theyr seuerall cyrcuytes and sessiones befoze theym holden, and that this estatute shall begyn to take his effect, concerninge the penalties of the same, from the sayd feast of saynte Iohn Baptist nowe nexte commynge, and to contynue and endure for euer.

**¶** Prouyded alwaye and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any personne or persones haue taken by lease, whether it be by word, wytyng, or other wyse, any house alep or place, wherein any suche vnlawfulle game nowe is, and at the tyme of such lease made was vsed, that than euerye suche lease shall at the libertie of hym or theym, to whom suche lease is made, theyr executors admynistratours or assignes, from the sayd feast of the Natyuite of saint Iohn Baptiste, be utterly voyde, excepte it be for breach of couenauntes or agtrementes, or payement of rente due or to be due at the sayde feast, or any tyme befoze, so that than at the same feast, or within one moneth next after the same, the sayde lessee gyue knowledge to suche lessour or lessours, theyr heires or assignes, that he wille noo longer occupie the same, and that than it shall be lawfull to the inherytour lessour or owner therof, or to his heires or assignes, in the same house alep or place to reenter.

**¶** PROVIDED also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that it shall be lawfull for euery mayster to licence his or theyr seruauntes, to playe at cardes dyse or tables with theyr sayde mayster, or with any othe gentylman, repayynge to theyr sayd mayster openly in his or theyr howse, or in his or theyr presence, accordynge to his or theyr dyscretion. And that it shall be lesfull to euerye suche seruaunte, for euery tyme so beynge commanded or licensed by his sayde mayster, as is afoze sayde, to playe at cardes dyce or tables with his sayd mayster or other gentylman, so to hym repayynge, any thyng in this act to the contrary not withstanding.

**PROVIDED** also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that it shall be lawfull to everie noble man and other haupnge manours landes tementes or other perely pofities, for terme of lyfe in his owne ryghte, or in his wyfes ryghte, to the perely value of a hundred pounde, or above, to commaunde appoynte or lycence by his or thei; dyscretion, his or thei; servauntes or familie of his or thei; house or howses, for to playe within the pjerincte of his or thei; howses, gardeynes, or orchardes, at cardes, dyce, tables, bowles, or tenpse, as well amonges theym selues as o- ther repayngne to the same howse or howses. And that they soo playenge by commaundement appoyntement or lycence, as is aforesayde, shall not incurre any daungier or penaltie conteyned in this acte for the same, this acte or any thyng therin conteyned to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandynge.

**PROVIDED** alwaye and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all informations actyons and sutes, now dependynge in any of the kynges courtes, for or concernynge any penaltie or forfeiture conteyned in any of the sayde statutes, by this acte repealed, and no iudgement therein yet gauen, the same informations actions and sutes shall be remayne and stande as good and effectual in the lawe, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if this acte had neuer be had made, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandynge.

**AN act concernynge the execution of certayne statutes. Cap. x.**



**FOR** AS MOCHE AS befoze this tyme byuers and son- dyr good lawes, statutes, prouisions, and ordynances haue bene made by the kynges maiesty our naturall soueraygne lozde and other his most noble progenitours for the increase and aduancement of the publyke and comon welth of this realme of Englande, and of his hyghnes subiectes of the same, amongst which some speciall notable and profitable lawes, statutes, ordynances and prouisions be very requysyte, conuenient, and expedient for the same common welth duely and dyligently to be put in dayly exercyse and execution: And suche as haue bene and be auctorised to put in due and iust execution suche speciall and notable lawes, statutes, and ordynances, and to correcte and punishe the infringers, and contemners therof, in such wyse as is lymped by the same, hath ben very remysse and negligent in do- yng they; offices, to the great detriment hurt and pzeiudice of the common welth. For reformation wherof be it enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lozde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempoꝛal, and the comons in this pꝛesent parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all and singular the iustices of peace within any shyre cite borough or place within this realme of Englande, wales, or any other the kynges domini- ons, shal perely at the generall sessions of the peace to be holden next after the



the feast of Easter, assemble them selves together, that is to say every number of them within the limites of theyr commissions, wherein they be named Justices of peace, and at and upon suche theyr assemble, shall diligently togyther amongst them selves peruse examine study and knowe the effectes and true ententes of the lawes statutes ordynances and pꝛovisions hereafter specified: that is to say, the lawes and statutes heretofore made and pꝛovided concernynge oꝛ in any wyse touchyng vacaboundes, retyenours, gꝛuynge licties signes tokens oꝛ badges, mayntenance, imbracery, bowllawes, and archery, vnlawfull games, foꝛtallers, and regatours, vitapl vitailers and inhoders and euery of them, and of al statutes and lawes made in this pꝛesent parliament, touchyng the same oꝛ any of them, and after the perusinge and delibérate vnderstandynge of the sayde lawes statutes and ordynances, they shall deuyse amongst them selves, howe the same maye be best put in due and iuste execution: And foꝛ the better pꝛocedyng therin, they shall deuyse and seuer them selves, lymityng and assignyng alwayes the numbꝛe of two of them at the least oꝛ moꝛe, into hundꝛedes wapentakes rapes commoties oꝛ number of towne and byllages by their discretions. And that the said Justices so diuyded, oꝛ two of them at the least, shall in euery quarter of the yere from and after the sayd feast of Easter next comynge, holde and kepe within the lymytes of their diuision, one sessions besyde the generall quarter sessions foꝛ the peace, the sayd one sessions to be kepte and holden alwayes within the limittes of their diuision, at and in one such daye as by them shall be appoynted, so that it be alwayes fyve weekes at the leaste befoꝛe the quarter sessions. And that al pꝛocesse and pꝛocedynges in euery of the sayd sessions so to be holden, shall be continued from sessions to sessions. And that the sayd Justices, oꝛ two of them at the least, at and in euery such sessions, shall haue power and auctoritie to enquire, as wel by the oꝛthes of xii. men, inhabitantes within the lymytes of theyr diuision, as by any information gꝛuen to them by any persone oꝛ persones, of all defaultes offences and contemptes done oꝛ comitted, oꝛ hereafter to be done oꝛ comitted apenst the forme of any of the statutes aforesaid, and to here & determine the same, and shall also haue power and auctoritie, vpon any pꝛesentment oꝛ information touchyng the pꝛemisses, oꝛ any of theym, to make pꝛocesse by Venire fac. one Capias, & an exigent vnder the seales of the same Justices oꝛ two of them, agaynst euery such person and persones, agaynst whom any suche information oꝛ pꝛesentment shall be had foꝛ their apparaince afoꝛe them in their sessions to be holden as is aforesaid, to answer to suche information oꝛ pꝛesentment as shall be there had oꝛ made. And if the person oꝛ persons accused by information oꝛ pꝛesentment, shall be conuict vpon any suche information oꝛ pꝛesentment by confession oꝛ verdit of xii. men, that then the sayde Justices of peace, oꝛ two of them, afoꝛe whom such conuiction shall be had, shall haue power and auctoritie to gꝛue iudgement agaynst euery such offender and offenders so conuict, of suche peynes by imprisonment, oꝛ suche peynes losses and foꝛfaytures of money oꝛ bothe, oꝛ any of them, as are limited

in the sayd severall statutes for suche offences, whereof they shall be so convicted, and cause execution thereof to be made and had accordingly. And also the sayd Justices of peace, or two of them, at and in their sayd sessions to be holden as is aforesayd, shall have power and auctoritie to correcte and reforme the panelles of iuries for any inquiries to be made afoze them touching the sayd statutes or any of them, in lyke maner and fourme as Justices of Gaole delivertie and of peace may do in their sessions, by vertue of a statute therof made in the thirde yere of our moste dread soueraygne lord the kynges reigne that now is: and that the Shyreffe and other ministers haupng power to retorne panelles, shall make his and their retournes, accordingly to suche reformation and correction of the Justices aforesayd, upon the peyne lymitted by the same statute.

**¶** AND it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that if any person or personnes be convicted as is afoze sayd, by any information afoze the sayd justices or two of them, within the lymites of theyr division: that than the moztie of the peynes losses and forsaitures of money of the offendours so convicted, shall be to the kynges maiesties vse, and the other moztie thereof to the partie that pursueth suche information, accordingly to the tenour and effect of the sayd severall statutes. And if any conviction be had by reason or upon any presentment, that than the kynges maiestie shall have the hole peynes fynes and forsaitures of the offendours, all which peines fynes losses and forsaitures of money to be due to the kyng, by reason of any conviction, as is aforesayd, together with all issues fynes and amerciaementes afoze the sayd justices within the lymites of theyr division, shall be leuyed by the Shyreffe or his ministers, by a scedule indented to be made betwene suche Justices or two of them, afoze whom suche peynes losses and forsaitures, fynes, issues and amerciaementes shall be losse and forsaite, and the sayd Shyreffe, the one parte of whiche scedule shall be certified by the sayd Justices or two of them perely in the terme of saint Mychael, into the kynges exchequer, to the intent that the Shyreffe shall there answer the same to the kynges vse.

**¶** Provided alwayes and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that every of the said justices of peace shall have for holdyng of every of their said sessions, as is aforesayde, iii. s. for their costes: and the clerke of the sessions by them to be appoynted, for the makynge and writynge of the processe and extractes of the sessions, for every sessions. ii. s. to be payde by the handes of the Shyreffe, of the kynges parte and portion of the peynes losses and forsaitures, and of the issues fynes and amerciaementes aforesayde.

**¶** Provided alwayes that Justices of peace in cities boroughes and townes corporate, not beyng Shyres or counties of theym selves, shall assemble ones in the pere with the justices of peace of the Shyre, where suche cyties boroughes or townes corporate be, and shall be lyimited to execute this acte within the cite borough or towne corporate, where they shall be justices of peace, and not els where.

**¶** Provided



**P**rovided also, that no information or presentment shall be had or taken by the sayde Justices of peace, so devided by auctoritie of this acte, but for suche offences defaultes or contemptes as ben or shall be done within the lymittes of chey; diuysion.

**A**nd be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayd Justices of peace so devided, or two of them within the lymittes of chey; diuysion, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to examyne inqurre here and determine by information and trespall, as is aforesaid, all defaultes and contemptes, whiche after the feast of the natiuite of our lord next commynge, shall be done or committed by any seruantes, commonly calld yeomen or groomes, husbandmen labourers and artificers or any of theym, agaynste the tenoure fourme and effect of the statutes and lawes made for excessiue apparell, and to correcte and punyssh the offendours therein, beyng therof conuicted afoze them, as is aforesaid, accordynge to suche pepnes forfaitures and punysshmentes as is lymitted by the sayd lawes and statutes of apparell, to be leuyed payde and certified as is aforesayde.

**A**nd it is further enacted by the auctoritie abouesayde, that as well the Justices of assyse, as the Justices of Chester, and the kynges Justices of Northwales and Southwales, in al and spngular chey; circuittes, shall haue full auctoritie and power by the force of this present acte, to enqurre as well by information as by presentment befoze them, of the defaultes contemptes omissions negligences fauours affections corruptions and other thynges what so euer they shalbe, of al and spngular the said iustices of peace, which shall not diligently trulp and duely se put and cause the sayd good lawes statutes ordynances and prouisions to be put in vre exercise and perfect execution accordynge to the effectes, as well of the sayd statutes heretofore made, as of this present act, and to here examyne and determine the same, as is aforesaid, and to assesse such fynes vpon the sayd iustices of peace and vpon euery of them, beyng conuicted of any defaultes negligences and offences, as is aforesaid, as to chey; discretion shalbe thought expedient for the qualitie and quantitie of chey; offences.

**A**nd be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that al Hyzesses bailiffes constables, hedboroughes, and al and spngular other officers and ministers, what so euer, as well within libertie as wispour, shall be attendaunt aydyng and assystynge to all and spngular the sayd Justices of peace, in and for the due execution of this acte, vpon pepne to make suche fynes as by the sayde iustices of peace or two of theym, shall be assessed to the kynges vse by their discretions.

**P**rovided alwayes that this statute shall not bynde any iustice of peace or of Quorum, to assemble or execute any thynge in this acte, or in any other wyze cite borough or place, then in such wyze cite borough or place, where he shall be resident and dwellynge at the tyme when suche assemble shall be made by vertue of this acte.

**P**rovided also that suche lordes and other, whiche beyng iustice of peace

or Quorum, be or shalbe of the kynges prync counsaile, attendant vpon his royall person, or any principall officer of his highnes house, attendaunt vpon his office, and other whiche shall happen to be occupied in his highnes seruice, by his maiesties commandement, shall not be compelled to assemble with the iustices of peace or Quorum, in any shyre, cytie, or borough, or other wyle bounden to do or exercise by auctoritie of this acte, than they be bounde to do afoze the making of this acte: any thyng or thinges conteyned in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided also that the iustices of eyther bench, barons of the kynges elchequer, the kynges attorney and sollicitour, and all other iustices officers and ministers, beinge bounden to attende at the termes, shall not duringe theyr suche attendaunce, be compelled to hold or kepe any sessions in the spmites deuoted to them, vppon the assemblies of the iustices of peace, as is aforesayde.

¶ And to thintent that the sayd iustices barons and all other officers and ministers aforesayd, may the better be ones in the pere at every assemble aforesayd. It is therfoze ordeyned by auctoritie of this acte, that the quarter sessions, holden after Easter, shall be perely kept vppon the tuesday nexte after Low sonday in every shyre of this realme, wales, and other the kynges domynions.

¶ PROVIDED alway that this acte or any thyng therin conteyned shall not in any wyle extende to the countie Palantine of Hexam, within the countie of Northumberlande, ne to the countie Palantine of Ely, with in the countie of Cambridg, nor to any towne corporate or libertie within eyther of the sayd countie palantines, haupng iustices of peace, for or concernynge the extractynge returnynge certifyinge or leuynge of any pssues fynes forfaytures amerciamentes or penalties to be assessed or taxed vpon any person or persons, in any sessions to be holden within the sayde countie palantines or eyther of theym, or within any towne corporate, spuate and being within eyther of the sayde countie palantynes: but that the same issues fynes forfaytures amerciamentes and penalties & every of them, may be assessed taxed extracted returned certified and leuyed from tyme to tyme hereafter in such maner and fourme to all ententes and pourposes, as they and every of them, haue bene vsed to be assessed taxed extracted returned certified and leuyed at any tyme befoze the making of this acte, or shuld be assessed taxed extracted returned certified and leuyed, if this sayde acte hadde neuer ben had or made, this acte, or any thyng therin conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that iustices of the peace within any shyre of this realme of Englande and wales, shall not be compelled by vertue of this acte to assemble them selues for the execution of this acte for this present pere, befoze the nexte generall assises to be holden within every suche county, befoze the feast of saynt Mycheil the archaungell nexte comynge, but that they and every of them shall be compelled



compelled upon lyke payne, mencioned in this acte, to assemble them selues at the sayd generall assises for the execution of the same, for this present purpose only, accordyng to the purpose tenour and trewe meanynge of this acte, any thyng in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

**¶** Provided alway, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any wise extende or be prejudiciall or hurtfull to the countie Palantine and Duchy of Lancaster, or any towne corporate within the same countie Palantine and Duchy, haupng iustices of the peace, for or concernynge the extractyng retournynge certifieng or leuynge of any issues fines forsa- tures amerciamentes or penalties, to be taxed or assessed upon any persone or persons, in any sessions to be holden within the sayde county palantine and duchy of Lancaster, or townes corporate parcell of the same duchy, by vertue of this acte, but that the same issues fines forsa- tures amerciamentes and penalties shall and maye be extracted returned certified or leuped from tyme to tyme in suche maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as they haue bled to be extracted returned certified and leuped at any tyme befoze the makynge of this acte, this acte or any thyng therein contey- ned to the contrary notwithstanding.

**¶** Provided alwaye, and be it enacted by auctorite afoze sayde, that all issues, fines, amerciamentes, and forsa- tures, trespunge and growpnge by vertue of this present acte, within any of the severall liberties franchyses or temporall iurisdiccions, whiche bene severally appoynted and assigned to the surieye order and gouernaunce of the kyng our souerayne lordes severall courtres of the augmentations of the reuenues of his crowne, and of the general Suruepours of the kinges landes, shalbe claymed and allo- wed and also collected and leuted by the kynges baylyffes or other officers of the same liberties franchyses & iurisdiccions for the tyme beynge, and shal be severally answered to the kyng in the same severall courtres after and ac- cordyng to such sort and order as other issues fines amerciamentes and for- sa- tures within the same severall liberties franchyses and iurisdiccions at this present tyme bene or ought to be claymed allowed and answered, any thyng in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

**¶** Provided alwaye and be it further enacted by the auctorite afozesayde, that the iustices of peace in euery of the shyres in Southwales and North- wales, and countie palantine of Chester, accordyng to thei lymitation, shal and may certifie all the streites by them to be made in maner and forme as is afozesaid, to and afoze such chamberlayne or chamberlaynes, chaun- cellour or chauncellours, auditour or auditours, in suche place or places, as by the kynges maiestie is or hereafter shall be appoynted or assigned for herpunge and determinynge of the shireffes accomptes, in euery of the sayde shires in Wales, or countie Palantine afozesayde, any thyng in this acte mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

**¶** Provided alwaye that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any wise extend to the countie Palantine and county of Durham, or to any

any towne corporate within the same countie Palantyne or countie, having iustices of peace, for and concerning the extracting retourning certifyinge or leuenge of any issues fines forsaitures amerciamentes or penalties to be assessed or taxed vpon any person or persones, in any sessions to be holden within the sayd county palantyne or county of Dureham, or within any towne corporate, situate and being within either the said county palantyne or county, but that the same issues fines forsaitures amerciamentes or penalties and euery of them, may be assessed taxed extracted retourned certified and leued from tyme to tyme hereafter, in suche maner and forme, to all intentes and purposes, as they and euery of them haue bene vsed to be assessed taxed extracted retourned certified and leued, at any tyme befoze the makinge of this acte, or shuld be assessed taxed extracted retourned certified and leued, yf this sayd acte had neuer ben had or made: this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

**¶** Provided alwayes and be it enacted, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extend to the Barons and inhabitauntes of or within the sinke portes or their members, or to any of them, to compel or constrain them or any of them, to assemble theym selves with any the Iustices of the peace, out of theyr sayde portes or members and the liberties of the same, or for or concerninge the estrectyng of fines issues forsaitures and amerciamentes, to be set losse or assessed by vertue of this acte within the liberties afoze sayd: but that they and euery of them shall and may assemble them selves to gethers at suche place and places, within theyr liberties, for the executinge of this acte, as to them shalbe thought most conuenient, and to diuide them selves after suche fascion as they shall thynke beste and most requisite for the executinge of this estatute in this acte mentioned: And may and shal take such fines issues forsaitures and amerciamentes, and euery of them, as shall be sette losse and assessed by vertue of this acte, in suche maner and forme, and to suche vbles purposes and intentes, as they or any of theym lawfully shulde myghte or oughte to haue hadde befoze the makinge of this acte, this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstandinge.

**¶** Provided alwaye, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, be not at any tyme hereafter in any wyse prejudyciall or hurtfull to any persone or persones, bodies polityke or corporate, to theyr heires or successours, or to the heires or successours of any of theym, for or concerninge any theyr lawfull rights titles interestes or claymes, of in or to any maner of issues fines amerciamentes penalties or other forsaitures, in any wyse to be assessed losse or forsaited, befoze any iustices of peace at theyr sessions hereafter to be holden or kept in any shieres, citie, borough, or towne corporate within this realme of Englande, by vertue or auctoritie of this acte, but that euery suche personne or persones, bodies polityke and corporate, theyr heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery of them, and their lawfull deputies in suche behalfe, shall and maye at all tymes hereafter,



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after assesse, tare, exteate, retourne, leupe, clapme, haue, and enioye all maner suche issues, fynes, amerciamentes, forsaitures and other penalities and euery of theym, to all suche vses and purposes, and in lyke maner and fourme in euery behalfe, as they oꝝ any of theym haue lauffully bled to doo and haue, oꝝ myghte haue doone and had, at any tyme befoze the makinge of this pꝛesente acte, by vertue of any graunte to theym oꝝ any of theym heretofore made oꝝ graunted, oꝝ otherwys by vertue of any custome oꝝ lawfull vsage thereof heretofore vsyd in euery behalfe, this acte oꝝ any thyng therein contryned to the contrary not withstandinge.

**C**his acte to continue to the later ende of the next parliament.

**¶ AN ACTE** for bouchers to sell at theyꝝ libertie by weyghte oꝝ other wyse. Cap. xi.



**I**N MOSTE humble wyse shewen vnto your highnes the wardeyns maysters and felowshyp of bouchers of your citie of London, and al other the bouchers within this your realme of England, that where in your parliament holden at westm by pzozogacion the. xliii. yere of your moste noble reigne, it was enacted ordeyned and establisshed by your maiestie, the loydes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in the sayd parliament then assembled, and by auctoritie of the same parliament, that euery person, which shuld sell by him self oꝝ any other the carcaises of biefes porke mutton oꝝ beale, oꝝ any parte oꝝ parcel therof, after the fyrste daye of Auguste then nexte ensuyng, shulde sell the same by lesull weyghte called haberdepoyes, and none other wyse, the sayde fleshe to be cut out in reasonable pierces, accordyng to the request of the byer, in lyke falcion as afoze that tyme was bled without fraude oꝝ couyne, and that euery person whiche by hym selfe oꝝ any other, shoulde sell any fleshe of the sayde carcaises, shulde haue with hym where he shulde make sale of the sayde fleshe, sufficient beame scales and weyghtes sealed, called haberdepoys, for true seruyng of the byers. And that after the sayde fyrste daye of Auguste no person noꝝ persons take oꝝ cause to be taken for any pound weyght of fleshe of the carcaises of biese oꝝ porke, by hym oꝝ them to be solde, aboue the pꝛyce of oone halfpeny, noꝝ for any pounce weyght of fleshe of the carcaises of mutton oꝝ beale, aboue the pꝛyce of one halfpeny and halfe ferthyng, without decept oꝝ couyn, vpon payne to forsaite for euery pounce not solde by weyght, oꝝ aboue the sayde pꝛyce lymitted, and for euery defaute done contrarye to the true meanyng of the sayde acte. iii. s. iiii. d. The one moꝛty therof to be to your highnes, and the other moꝛtye to the partie that wyl sue for the same by byll playnte oꝝ information, in whiche suite none esoyne wager of lawe noꝝ pzoteccion shulde be allowed. The heades neckes inwardes portenaunces legges noꝝ feete to be accompted as parte of the carcaises afoze sayd, but suche to be solde by a lower pꝛyce, as by the sayde acte among other thynges moze

more playnly appereth. whiche acte was in all thynges by your sayde oratours well duely iustely and truely executed accordynge to the tenour and purporte of the same, vntyll your graces parliament holden at westm, by prouocation the. xxvii. yere of your moste noble reigne, at whiche tyme it was then and there, for and vpon dyuers good causes and considerations, enacted ordeyned and establyshed, that from the. xii. daye of Apryll, the yere of our lord god. M. D. xxxvi. vntyll the. xxi. daye of Apryll, whiche shulde be and was in the yere of our lord god. M. D. xl. all bouchers and other sellynge fleshe by retayle, maye lefull ye hyl and sell all maner biese porke mutton and beale, beyng good and holsome for mannes bodye, at theyr pleasures and liberttes, as frely and liberallye as they or any of them dyd or myght haue done at any tyme before the sayd estatute made the. xxi. yere of your most noble reigne, and also before an other estatute concerning the same, made the. xxv. yere of your most noble reigne, without any losses payne imprisonment forsaiture or penaltie to be by them or any of them, or the successours of them or any of them, had lost bozme or susteyned in that behalf, durynge the tyme before reherced, the same estatutes or any of them to the contrary in any wyse not withstandynge. And that the same estatutes & eyther of them, and euery clause sentence & article in them or eyther of them conteyned, shulde be in suspence and not put in execution durynge the same tyme, as by the sayd acte made the sayd. xxvii. yere of your moste noble reigne among other thynges more playnly appereth: which actes before reherced, concernynge the sellynge of fleshe by weyght, as is afore sayd, if they shulde hereafter be put in execution, and your sayd oratours compelled to sel fleshe by weyght, accordynge to the purporte tenour and effecte of the sayde estatute, made the. xxi. yere of your moste noble reigne, shulde be to the vtter vndoinge of your sayde oratours for euer. It may therfore please your maiestie, that it maye be by your hyghnes, and by the assent of the lordes spirytual and tempozall, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, ordeyned establyshed and enacted, that the sayde estatutes made in the xxi. and. xxv. yere of your mooste noble reigne, may be repelled adnichilated, made frustrate, and voyde agaynst your oratours, and all other your subiectes. And that it may from henceforth be lefull vnto all your sayde subiectes to sell theyr vytales frome tyme to tyme by them selves theyr wyues and seruantes, to all maner of persons that wyl bye the same, in lyke maner and fourme as they myght haue done before the makynge of the saide estatutes or any of them, without any daunger payne penaltie or forsaiture to be hadde for the same, any thyng in the sayd estatutes or any of them conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.



AN acte for murder and malicious bloudshed  
within the courte. Cap. xii.

WHERE treasons mysprissions of treasons murders man-  
slaughters and other malicious strikinges, by reason wherof  
bloud is oꝛ shall be shedde agaynst the kynges peace, ven of-  
ten and many times done and committed within the limittes  
of the kynges palace oꝛ hous, oꝛ other house oꝛ houses, where  
and whan his maiestie is there demurrant and abydyng in  
his owne moste rofall person, whiche offences whan they be done, be beste  
knownen by his hyghnes offycers and mynysters of his moste honourable  
householde, and by his maiesties seruantes in his Chequer roll: And if his  
maiestie shall happen to remoue from suche his pallace oꝛ house, oꝛ other  
house oꝛ houses, where suche offences were done, befoze the tryall and deter-  
mination therof, than suche offences mought not lawfully be tryed herde  
and determyned by and befoze the sayde offycers, but be remytted to be tried  
and determyned by the order of the common lawes of this realme, by reason  
wherof the punishment of the said offendours in such cases, hath ben longe  
delayed, and sometyne theyꝝ offences foꝛgotten and not remembꝛed, and so  
escape unpunished. Be it therfoze enacted by the kyng our souerayne loꝛde,  
with the assent of the loꝛdes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in  
this pꝛesent parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all  
treasons, mysprissions of treasons, murthers, manslaughteres, bloudsheddes  
and other malicious strykynge, by reason wherof bloud is oꝛ shall be shed  
ayenst the kynges peace, whiche hath ben done syns the feast of all sayntes  
last past, oꝛ hereafter shall be done within any the palaces oꝛ houses of his  
hyghnes oꝛ his heyes, oꝛ any other house oꝛ houses, at suche tyme as his  
maiestie hath ben, syns the sayd feast of all sayntes, oꝛ hereafter shall happen  
to be than demurrant oꝛ abyding in his rofall person, shall be from hensfoꝛth  
enquired of tried herde and determyned within any the kynges palaces oꝛ  
houses, oꝛ other house oꝛ houses, where his maiestie oꝛ his heyes shall here-  
after repayꝛe vnto, oꝛ be abydyng, in maner and fowrme folowynge: That  
is to say, befoze the loꝛde great maister, oꝛ loꝛde stewarde foꝛ the tyme beyng  
of the kynges most honourable household, and of his heyes and successours:  
And in the absence of the sayd loꝛde great maister, oꝛ loꝛde stewarde of house-  
hold, befoze the tresourer and comptroller foꝛ the tyme being of the kynges  
most honourable household, and of his heires and successours, and stewarde  
of the Marchalsey foꝛ the tyme being oꝛ two of them, wherof the stewarde of  
the Marchalsey foꝛ the tyme being, to be one, by vertue of their offices, with-  
out any commission oꝛ other auctoritie oꝛ power, other then by the auctoritie  
of this pꝛesent acte to be gyven vnto them oꝛ any of them, whiche stewarde of  
the Marchalsey shall be foꝛ euer from tyme to tyme assigned and appoynted  
by wytyng vnder the seale of the sayde loꝛde greate Maister oꝛ loꝛde Ste-  
warde foꝛ the tyme beinge. And whether the kynges maiestie oꝛ his heyes  
hath,

hath, or at any tyme hereafter shall be removed from the pallace, house or houses, where suche offences were or shall be done, or not removed before they be enquired of tryed harde and determined: yetliche offences shall, by the auctoritie of this acte, alwayes from henceforth be enquired of tryed hard and determined before the higes maiesties, and his heyres officers and ministers of household before named, or two of them, as is above sayd, by the inquisition and verdict of his highnes and his heyres household serantes, in his and theyr Chequer tolle, in maner and forme as before and hereafter is expessed in this presente acte, and at suche pallace house or houses, where his maiestie or his heyres shall be at any tyme hereafter demurrant or abydyng. And that all suche returns of piores, and all executions and subgements concernynge the pmisses, shall be had and done by the officers, before and hereafter expessed, and in maner and fourme as before and hereafter in this present acte is conteyned. And that all inquisitions vpon the vieu of persons slayne, or hereafter to be slayne within any the kynges sayd pallaces or houses, or other house or houses aforesayd, shall be by auctoritie of this acte had and taken hereafter for ever, by the coroner for the tyme beinge of the household of our soveraigne lord the kyng or his heyres, without any adioyning or assisting of any other coroner of any shyre within this realme, by the othe of twelve or mo of the poven officers of the kynges and his heyres moste honorable household, returned by the two clarkes Comptrollers, the clarkes of the cheque, and clarkes marshalles, or one of them for the tyme beinge of the sayd household, to whom the sayde coroner of the same household shall directe his precepte. whiche coroner of our sayde soveraigne lord the kynges household, shall be from tyme to tyme named appointed and assigned by the sayde lord great marshal or lord Steward for the tyme beinge, and that the sayde coroner of the sayd household shall from tyme to tyme for ever without delay, certifie vnder his seale, and the scales of suche persons as shall be so sworne before hym, all suche inquisitions inditeementes and offices vpon the vieu of all deade bodys beinge slayne at any tyme spche the feast of all sayntes aforesayd, or which hereafter shall be slayne within any the kynges sayde pallaces or houses, or other house or houses aforesayd, before the sayde lord great marshal or lord Steward, and in his absence before the treasurer comptroller and steward of the Merchallsey aforesayd, or before two of them, wherof the sayde Steward of the merchallsey to be one: and that suche inquisitions and offices so certified, shall be demed adjudged and taken for ever as good and effectnall in the lawe, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as any inquisition taken vpon the vieu of the body of any person beinge dead, by any coroner of any countie of this realme, hath ben or shall be adjudged or taken.

AND be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayd two clarkes comptrollers, clarkes of the Cheque, and clarkes marshalles for the tyme beinge of the kynges sayd household, and of his heyres, or one of them for ever, vpon a precept to them or to any of them hereafter to be made

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by the sayd lord great maister or lord steward, or in the absence of the sayd lord great maister or lord steward, by the sayd Treasourer and Comptroller of the kynges most honourable household, and the sayde steward of the Marshalsey, or by two of them, wherof the sayd steward of the Marshalsey to be one, shall haue full power to summon warne and retourne the names of. xliiii. persons, beyng peomen officers of the kynges sayd household, and of his heires in the sayde Chequer roll, to inquire of suche treasons misprisions of treasons murders manslaughterers and other malicious strikinges, by reason wherof bloude is or shall be shed agaynst the kynges peace, befoze the sayde lord great maister or lord steward, and in his absence befoze the sayd Treasourer Comptroller and steward of the Marshalsey, or befoze two of them at the least, wherof the steward to be one. And that it shall be laufull to the sayde lord grete maister or lord steward, and in his absence to the sayde treasourer comptroller and the sayde steward aforesayde, or two of them, wherof the sayde steward to be one, befoze whome suche returns shall be so made, as is aforesayde, to cause suche number of the sayd xliiii. persons so retourned about the number of. xii. persones, as to hym or them shall seme expedient, to enquire of suche treasons misprisions of treasons, murders, manslaughterers, and other malicious strikinges, by reason wherof bloud is or shall be shed agaynst the kynges peace within the sayde pallaces or houses, or other the sayde house or houses, sithe the sayd feast of all Sayntes, or at any tyme hereafter shall be committed or done within the sayd pallace or houses, or other the sayd house or houses. And if any person or persons be indicted by the sayd iury, so sworn befoze them as is aforesayde, or by inquisition befoze the sayde coroner of the sayde household, and certified befoze the sayde lord great maister or lord steward, or in the absence of the sayde lord great Maister or lord steward, befoze the sayde treasourer comptroller and steward, or befoze two of them, wherof the sayde steward to be one, as is aforesayd: that then immediately without delaye the sayde lord great maister or lord steward, and in his absence the sayd treasourer comptroller and steward, or two of them, wherof the sayd steward to be one, befoze whom the sayd presentment inquisition or indictment shall so be founde or certified by the sayd coroner of the same household, shall arraigne befoze them all and euery suche person and persons so indicted, accor- dyng to the course of the common lawe of this realme, and forthewith after issue iopned betwene the kyng our soueraine lord, his heires or successors, and the prisoner so arraigned, the same day and place or any other day and place, at the pleasure of the sayde lord great maister or lord steward, and in his absence at the pleasure of the sayde treasourer comptroller and steward of the marshalsey, or two of them, as is aforesayde, shall make an other precept to the sayd clarkes comptrollers, clarkes of the cheke and clarkes marshalles for the tyme being of the sayde household, or to one of them, to summon and retourne one other iury of. xliiii. persons, to appere befoze the sayde lord great maister or lord steward, and in his absence befoze the sayd treasourer

fourer Comptroller and Stewarde of the Marchalſey, or befoze two of them, wherof the ſame Stewarde to be one, at ſuch day tyme and place, and vpon ſuche peyne as ſhall be then limited and appoynted, of the ſeruauntes and gentylmen officers of the kynges chamber, his heyres and ſucceſſours, and of the ſaid houſholde, whiche now take or hereafter ſhal take wages by the kynges Chequer roll. And that the ſayd lord grande maſter or lord Stewarde (if he be there preſent) or in his abſence the ſayd Treſorer Comptroller and Stewarde of the ſayd Marchalſey, or two of them, wherof the ſame Stewarde to be one, befoze whom ſuch iury ſhall be ſo returned, ſhall cauſe xii. of the ſame iury to be ſwoyne without any maner of chalenge to be had or allowed for any maner of cauſe, to any of the ſayde iury (malice onely excepted) truly to try betwene our ſayde ſoueraigne lord the kyng and his heyres, and ſuche perſon and perſons, as ſhall be ſo indicted and arraigned of ſuche treaſons myſpryſions of treaſons murders manſlaughters, and other malitious ſtrykynge, by reaſon wherof bloud is or ſhalbe ſhed againſt the kynges peace, or of any of them. And if any ſuche perſon or perſons, ſo indicted and arraigned, be founde gilty of any treaſon myſpryſion of treaſon murders or manſlaughters: that than all and euery ſuche perſon and perſons, ſo found gilty, ſhall haue iudgement of lyfe and member, and ſuffet ſuche peynes of death, and ſhall forſayt all theyr manours landes tenementes goodes and cattals, in lyke maner and forme as if the ſame perſone and perſons had ben founde gilty of any the ſayde offences by the order of the common lawes of this realme, without allowyng to any ſuch perſon or perſons ſo found gilty of any the ſame offences, the benefite of his or theyr clergy, or prytledge of any ſayntuarpe. And if any perſon or perſones ſo arraigned, be founde gilty for malitious ſtrykynge, by reaſon wherof bloude is hath bene or ſhall be ſhedde againſt the kynges peace, withyn the ſayd pallace or houſe, or any other houſe, or any other the ſayd houſe or houſes: that than euery ſuche perſon and perſons ſhal from hensforth haue iudgement by the ſayd lord great maſter or lord Stewarde (if he be preſent) and in his abſence by the other befoze named, befoze whom ſuche perſone or perſons ſhall be ſo found gilty, to haue his right hand ſtryken of, befoze the ſaid lord great maſter or lord Steward (if he be there preſent) and in his abſence befoze the ſayde Treſorer comptroller & ſteward of the marchalſey, or two of them at the leaſt, wherof the ſayd Steward to be one, and at ſuche place and tyme as he or they, befoze whom ſuche perſon and perſons ſhalbe ſo found gilty, ſhall appoynt execution to be done, and the ſame execution to be done by ſuch perſon as the ſayd lord great maſter or lord Steward (if he be there preſent) and in his abſence as the ſayde Treſourer Comptroller and Stewarde of the Marchalſey, or two of them, wherof the Steward to be one, ſhal name or appoynt, and alſo ſhall haue iudgement to haue perpetuall impryſonment during his lyfe, and ſhall pay fyne and raiſome at the kynges maiesties pleaſure his heyres and ſucceſſours.

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stance of the execution apperteynyng and of longe tyme vsed and accustomed, to and for suche malitious strykynge, by reason wherof bloud is hath ben or hereafter shalbe shed agaynst the kynges peace: It is therfore enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that the sergeant or chiefe surgion for the tyme being, or his deputie of the kynges householde, his heires and successours, shalbe redy at the place and tyme of execution, as shal be appoynted, as is aforesayd, to seare the stampe, whan the hande is so stryken of: And the sergeant of the pantry for the tyme being of the sayd householde, or his deputie, shalbe also than and there redy to geue bread to the partie, that shal haue his hande so stryken of: And the sergeant of the sellat for the tyme being of the same householde, or his deputie, shal also be than and there redy with a pot of redde wyne, to geue the same partie drynke, after his hande is so stryken of, and the stampe seared: And the sergeant of the Chyry for the tyme being of the same household, or his deputie, shal also be than and there redy with clothes sufficient for the surgeon to occupy aboute the same execution: And the woman of the chaundry for the tyme being of the same household, or his deputie, shal also be than and there, and haue in redynesse seared clothes sufficient for the surgeon to occupy about the same execution: And the mayster coke for the tyme being of the same household, or his deputie, shal also be than and there redy, and byng with hym a dresyng knyfe, and shal deliuer the same knyfe at the place of execution, to the sericant of the larder for the tyme being of the same household, or to his deputie, who shalbe also then and there redy, and holde vpright the sayd dresyng knyfe tyl execution be done: And the sericant of the pultry, for the tyme being of the same household or his deputie, shal be also than and there redy with a toke in his hande redy for the surgeon to wrap about the same stampe, whan the hande shalbe so stryken of. And the peoman of the Scullary for the tyme being of the same household or his deputie, to be also than and there redy, and prepare and make at the place of execution a fyre of coles, and there to make redy searpyng yrons, agaynst the sayd surgeon or his deputie shal occupy the same: And the sericant or chief sericour, for the tyme being of the same household or his deputie, shal be also then and there redy, and byng with hym the serpyng yrons, and deliuer the same to the same sergeant or chiefe surgion, or to his deputie whan they be hotte: And the grome of the salcery for the tyme being of the same household or his deputie, shalbe also than and there redy with vineger and cold water, and giue attendaunce vpon the said surgeon or his deputie, vntyll the same execution be done: And the serieaunt of the wood yard for the tyme being of the same household or his deputie, shal byng to the sayde place of execution a blocke with a besyll a staple and cordes to bynde the sayd hand vpon the blocke, while execution is in doyng.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that if any person or persons so embicted of treason mispyson of treason murther manslaughter or other malicious strykynge, by reason wherof bloud is hath ben or shal be shed agaynst the kynges peace, as is aforesayd, and therof be arraigned,

and

and obstinately refuse to answer directly to the same offences, wherof he or they be so indicted, or if suche person or persons so indicted and arraigned, stande muet, and wyl not speake, then such person and persons so refusyng to answer or standynge muet, shall be conuicted iudged and demed gilty of the thyng, wherof he or they is or shalbe so indicted and arrayned, and shall haue iudgemente to haue lyke paynes of death, and other paynes punyshmentes executions forseitures losses and seysures of landes tenementes goodes and cattalles for the same, as he or they oughte or shulde haue had for suche lyke offences, if he or they were or shuld be founde gilty therof by the verdict of. xii. men.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayde clerkes comptrollers, clerkes of the cheque, and clerkes marshalles, or one of them for the tyme beyng, shal from tyme to tyme name assigne and appoynt a crier to make proclamations, and to call the iuries, and to do other thynges as becometh a crier of a court to do, belongynge to that office.

¶ Provided alwaye and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this acte befoze reherfed, concernynge malicious strikinges, by reason wherof bloud is hath ben or shall be shed agaynst the kynges peace, ne the paynes and forsaitures befoze reherfed for the punyshment of the same, shall not in any wyse extende or be prejudiciall or hurtfull to any noble man, ne to any other persone or personnes, that shall happen to strike his or theyr seruantes within the sayde pallaces or house, or any other house or houses aforesayde, or within the limyttes of the same, with his or theyr handes or fystes, or with any smalle staffe or stycke, for correction and punyshment for any offences committed and done, or to be committed and done, ne to any of the kynges offycers or seruantes, that shall strike any persone within the same pallaces or house, or any other house or houses afoze sayde, although by reason of the sayd stroke or strokes there happen to be any bloud shed of suche person, as shall so be stricken, excepte the person so stricken do dye of the same stroke within one yere next after the same stroke soo gyuen.

¶ Provided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the cry all of peeres of this realme for comyttyng or doyng any offences in this act befoze mencioned, shal be as it hath ben vsed in tymes past, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Provided also that the lybertie and iurisdiction of the marshalsey court and circuite of the birge, shall be in al poyntes pryuileges and auctorities vsed by the ministers and officers of the same, in as full and as ample manner as it hath ben heretofore laufully vsed, for murthers, felonies, offences, and al trespasses contractes and other suppes what so euer they be, any thyng in this act to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ And for as moch as befoze this tyme one Richard Stauerton of Lincolnes ynn gentilman, was commanded and appointed by the kinges maiestie to occupy the office of the Coroner of his sayd house, by force wherof he hath continued officer in the same by the space of. xvi. yeres or moze : Be it enacted



enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayd Richard Staunton shall haue occupie and enioy the said office of Cozoner durynge his lyfe, together with al suche p[ro]fyttes and commodities as befoze this tyme haue ben due and apperteynyng in any wyse to the same. And after his deceasse the sayd Cozoner alwayes to be made assigned and appoynted by the sayd lord great maister o[ff] the stewarde fo[r] the tyme beyng.

¶ And fo[r] that hereafter it mighte be doubted, howe far the lymyttes and boundes of the sayde house o[ff] houses shoulde extende o[ff] be taken, within which lymittes o[ff] boundes any the saide offences, whiche haue ben committed o[ff] done, sith the sayd feast of al Sainctes, o[ff] hereafter shall be committed o[ff] done, fo[r] the whiche all and euery person and persons so offendynge, shulde haue and suffer the p[er]nes penalties and fo[r]saptures, as is aforesayd: fo[r] playne declaration therof, and fo[r] the aduoydinge of all doubttes and questions, which may hereafter happen to arise of fo[r] o[ff] upon the same, Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the lymittes and boundes of the sayd house and houses, within whiche any the offences aforesayd, nowe committed o[ff] done sith the sayd feast of all Sainctes, o[ff] hereafter to be committed o[ff] done, shal be punished as is aforesayde, shall extende and be taken within these places ensuyng, and in none other, that is to say: within any edifyces courtes places gardeyns o[ff] chardes o[ff] howses, within the porters warde of any of the house o[ff] houses aboue reherfed, o[ff] within any gardeyns priuie walkes o[ff] chardes tyltardes woodyardes tennys playes cockefygthes boulyng aleys, nere adioynninge to any of the houses aboue reherfed, and beyng parte of the same, o[ff] within two hundred footes of the standarde of any outwarde gate o[ff] gates of anye of the houses aboue reherfed, commonly vsed fo[r] passage out o[ff] from any the house o[ff] houses aboue reherfed.

¶ Prouided alwayes that this act shal not take effect, o[ff] be put in execution tyll from and after the fyfthe day of May nexte ensuyng, excepte onely fo[r] murders and manslaughter, fo[r] the whiche offences of murder and manslaughter, the same to take effect from the feast of all Sainctes last past, according to the tenour and effect of the sayd acte.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this acte befoze reherfed concernynge malicious strikynge, by reason whereof bloud is hath bene o[ff] shall be shod agaynst the kynges peace, ne the p[er]nes and fo[r]saptures befoze reherfed fo[r] the punishment of the same, shall not in any wise extende o[ff] be p[re]iudiciall o[ff] hurtfull to any noble man, ne to any o[ff] ther person o[ff] persones, that shall happen to strike hys o[ff] theyr seruantes within the sayd pallaces o[ff] house, o[ff] any other house o[ff] houses, place o[ff] places aforesayde, o[ff] within the limites of the same, with his o[ff] their handes o[ff] fyfles, o[ff] with any small staffe o[ff] sticke, fo[r] correction & punishment, fo[r] any offences comitted and done, o[ff] to be comitted and done, ne to any of the kynges officer o[ff] officers, that in executynge of his o[ff] theyr office shall strike any person o[ff] persons, with his o[ff] theyr handes o[ff] fistes, o[ff] with any smal staffe

oꝛ stycke, oꝛ with any staffe comonly called a tpp staffe within the same palace oꝛ hous oꝛ any other pallaces oꝛ houses oꝛ places aforesayd, ne to any o-  
ther person oꝛ persons, that in doinge serupce at any triumphe oꝛ any other  
tyme of seruice by the kynges comandement oꝛ of any his grates counsel, oꝛ  
other his graces head officers, shall happen foꝛ their executing of their said  
seruice, to strike any person oꝛ persons with his oꝛ their handes oꝛ fistes, oꝛ  
with any small staffe oꝛ stycke, oꝛ with any staffe comonly called a tpp staffe,  
within the same pallace oꝛ house, oꝛ any other pallaces oꝛ houses oꝛ place oꝛ  
places aforesayd, although by reason of the same stroke oꝛ strokes there hap-  
pen to be any bloude shed of suche persone as shall be so striken, excepte the  
persone soo stryken do die of the same stroke within one yere nexte after the  
stroke so gyuen.

¶ AND also be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if anye  
person oꝛ persons shall from the first day of Aprill next coming, steale oꝛ fe-  
loniously take away any plate iewels oꝛ other goodes of our said souerayn  
lord the kyng his heires oꝛ successours kynges, of the valour of. xii. d. oꝛ a-  
boue, oꝛ breke oꝛ enter in to any the kynges houses, to thintent to steale any  
the kynges goodes his heires oꝛ successours kynges, though his maiestie  
be absent, oꝛ any other house, while it shall fortune the same his maiestie to  
be lodged oꝛ abiding therein, euery suche offence to be demed felonye, and the  
person oꝛ persons so offending, theyꝛ abbettours, procurers, counsellours,  
and receptours, therof lausfully conuicted, to suffer like penalties foꝛscriptu-  
res pepnes of death, as appertayneth to felons, without hauynge the bene-  
fite of theyꝛ clergy oꝛ sayntuary, and euery suche offendour, beyng appre-  
hended within the verge of the kynges house, to be arraigned and tryed by  
men of the countrey, as other offendours foꝛ offences done within the verge,  
befoze the steward of the sayde Herthalsse and other vnto hym associa-  
ted, ar to be arraigned and tryed within the same precinct.

¶ AN acte concernynge certayne lordshypps translated from the  
county of Denbigh, to the countie of Flynt. Cap. xiii.



HERE IN the parliament holden at westm in the. xxxii.  
yere of the reigne of our souerayne lord kyng HENRY the  
viii. that now is, It was amongst other enacted, that not  
withstandyng. viii. county dayes in one yere, and. ix. county  
dayes an other yere, were befoze that tyme holden and kepte  
within the county Palantyne of Chester, befoze the Justicer  
of the same county, that from that tyme furthward the sayde iusticer shulde  
holde and kepe but onely two sessions euery yere within the same county,  
the one wherof to be kept after Michaelmas, and the other after Ester. And  
that from thenforth all the sayd county dayes shulde clerely seasse and de-  
termine foꝛ euer, as by the same acte at large moze playnely appereth. And  
foꝛ as moche as within the same county Palantyne it hath not ben bled noꝛ  
sene



ken, that the shyreffe of the same county hath kept any shyre court for determination of playntes, and calling of exigendes, as is commonly vsed in other shyres of this realme, there was therfore neuer sithen the makinge of the sayde acte any exigende of felony or other cause proclaimed within the sayd county, to the no lyttell hynderaunce of iustyce, and to the great boldnes of offendours. For reformation wherof be it enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that the shyreffe of the sayd countie for the tyme being, after the feast of Easter next coming, shalbe bounde to kepe his shyre court in the shyre hall of the said county every moneth for ever, for determination of playntes and actions vnder. xl. s. and for proclamacions and callinge of exigendes and other necessary causes, as is vsed in other shyres of this realme of Englande: And that ii. lixed coroners for the body of the sayd shyre, shalbe elected and chosen by vertue of the kynges wytt De coronatore eligendo, to be awarded out of the eschequer of Chester, which coroners shalbe bound to sit with the sayd shyreffe at the sayde courtes, to geue iudgements vpon vt-laries, and to do all other thynges as appertayneth.

AND be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that the sayd two sessions, in forme aforesayd to be holden within the said county, shall and may beholden at such tyme and tymes, as by the sayd iusticer or his deputy shalbe appoynted, as well before the sayde feastes of Easter and Michaelmas as any other tyme, accordyng as is most comonly vsed in other shyres of this realme, so alway open proclamation be therof made by the space of x. days at the least, before the fyrst day of the keeping of the same sessions. And where the lordeshypps townes and hamlettes of Hoppe and Allaph haue of olde tyme be reputed accepted and taken as part and parcell of the countie of Flynte, and soo haue bene continued vntill now of late, that by an acte of parlamente, made in the. xxvii. pere of the reigne of our most dreadde souerayne lord the kynges maiestie that now is, the same were assigned to the countie of Denbighe. And also where parcell of the parische of Hawarden is at this day and of olde tyme hath ben, accepted, taken and vsed as part of the sayd countie of Flynt, and the residue of the sayd parische of Hawarden is and alwayes hath ben without the precincte lyntes and iurisdiction of the same county: Be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that as wel the sayd lordeshypps townes and hamlettes of Hoppe Allaph and the sayde hole parische of Hawarden, together with the lordeshyppe of the same, as also the lordeshyppes townes and parishes of Holdesdale, Hereforde, and Oseley, and all the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes within the precincte and lyntes of the same, or any of theym, shall from hensforth be reputed, accepted taken and adiudged to be within the sayde county of Flynt, as a membre parte and parcell of the same countie of Flynt, and not of nor within any other countie or shyre, any statute, ordynance, law, or custome heretofore had or vsed to the contrary therof in any wyse

wylle not withstandynge.

**W**herbynded allwayes that the inhabitauntes and tenants, of the sayde lordshippes towne hamlettes and parishes of Hope, Alsaph, Golderdale, Werelofde, and Hawarden, shall paye theyr mylles and tallages, whan neand as ofte as the same shall be dewe, with the inhabytauntes of such mylles or myles as before tyme hath ben accustomed. And that the sayd lordshippes of Hope, Golderdale, Werelofde, Oseley, and Hawarden, with the hole and entier parish of Hawarden, and all the groundes, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes within the precincte and lymyttes of the same, shall from henceforth be called taken and accepted the hundredes of Golderdale in the countie of Flynte. And that the sayde lordshyppe of Alsaph, with al the groundes landes tenementes and hereditamentes within the precincte and lymyttes of the same, shall be taken, accepted, and adiudged to be as parte and parcell of the hundred of Rutlande in the same countie.

**C**AN act concernynge false prophetes bypon declaracion of naines armes or badges. Cap. xliii.



**W**HERE dyuers and sundry persones makynge theyr fouridation by prophesies, haue taken vpon them a knowledge as it were what shall becom of theym, whiche beare in theyr armes cognysaunce or badge, fieldes, beastes, foules, or any other thyng or thynges, whiche hath ben used or accustomed to be put in any of the same, or in and vpon the letters of theyr names haue diuiled descanted and pfactised to make folke thynke, that by theyr vntue gesses it myght be knowen, what good or euyl thinges shulde come happen or be done by or to suche persons, as bare and had such armes badges or cognysaunces, or had suche letters in theyr names, to the great peryl and distruction of suche noble personages, of whom suche false prophesies hath or shuld hereafter be set forth, wherby in tymes past many noble me haue suffered, and (if their prince wold geue any eare therto) might happe to do hereafter. For remedy wherof be it enacted by the kynges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons of this present parliament, that yf any persone or persones print or wyte, or elles speake syng or declare to any other person, of the kyng, or of any other person, after the fyrst day of July next comynge, any such false prophetes bypon occasion of any armes fieldes beastes foules or other suche lyke thynges, accustomed in armes cognysaunces badges or signetes, or by reason of letters of the name of the kyng, or of any other persone, to thintent to set forth suche prophesies: that than euery luche offence shall be demed felony, and the offendours therein, and theyr counsellours and abettours and euery of them, beinge therof conuyct by the order of the common lawe, afore suche as haue or shall haue power and auctoritie to here and determyne felonies,



lonkes, shal suffer such peynes of death, forsaithures of landes tenementes goodes and catalles, as in cases of felony at the common lawe is determy-  
ned and appoynted, without pryncple of clergy or saynctuary to be allo-  
wed to theym or any of theym.

**¶ A N** act touchyng the translation of the Saynctuary from  
Manchester to Westchester. Cap. xv.



**V**HERE at the parliament begon at Westm, the .xxviii. day  
of Apryl, in the .xxxi. yere of our soueraigne lord the kynges  
moste noble and victorions reigne, and there continued by dy-  
uers prorogations vnto the .xxv. daie of Maye, in the .xxxi.  
yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraigne lord the kyng, and  
holden vnto the .xxiii. day of July, in the sayd .xxxi. yere, At which day the  
sayd parliament was by his graces auctoritie finished and ended. At whi-  
che sayde parlyament amongst many other thynges by his highnes, with  
the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this  
present parliament assembled, it was enacted, that the towne of Manchester  
in the countie of Lanc. amongst other townes and places from thensforth  
shuld be admitted allowed and taken to be saynctuary, and a place of priu-  
lege and tuition for terme of lyfe, of al and synghular offendours and male-  
factours, of what so ever qualitie kynd or nature all and euery theyr offen-  
ces be, for the which sayd offences and ctymes the peynes and punishment  
of death shulde ensue by the statutes lawes and customes of this realme, o-  
ther then such as by and in the sayd act of parliament be expessed and for-  
pyssed. And where the sayd towne of Manchester is and hath of long tyme  
ben a towne wel inhabited, and the kynges subiectes inhabitantes of the  
same towne well set a worke in makynge of clothes, as well of linnen as of  
wollen, wherby the inhabitauntes of the sayde towne haue opteyned gotten  
and come vnto ryches and welthy luynges, and haue kepte and set many  
artificers and pooze folkes to worke within the sayde towne, & by reason of  
the gret occupieng good order strapte & true dealynge of the inhabitantes  
of the sayd towne, many strangers, as well of Irelande as of other places  
within this realme, haue resorted to the sayd towne with linnen parne, wola-  
les, and other necessary wares for makynge of clothes, to be solde there, and  
haue vsed to credit and trust the pooze inhabitantes of the same towne, whi-  
che were not able and had not redy money to pay in hande for the sayd par-  
nes wolles and wares vnto such tyme the sayd credites with theyr industry  
labour and peynes myght make clothes of the sayd wolles parne and other  
necessary wares, and solde the same. to contente and pay theyr creditours;  
wherin hath consisted moche of the comon welch of the sayd towne, and ma-  
ny pooze folkes had luyng, and chyldren and seruauntes there vertuously  
brought vp in honest and true labour, out of all pblenes. And for as moche  
as of necessitie the sayd linnen parne must lye without as well in the nyght  
as in

as in the day continually for the space of one halfe yere to be whited, befoze it can be made clothe, and the wollen clothes there made muste hange vpon the tapnter, to be dyed befoze it can be dyelled vp, and for the saulsegarde therof it is and shalbe expedient and necessary, that substantial honest iuste true and credible persons be and shuld dwell in the sayd towne, and no manner of light persone or persones there to be inhabitauntes. And where also many straungers inhabytynge in other towneshypps and places, haue vsed customably to resoyt to the sayd towne of Manchester, with a great number of cottons, to be bitted & sold to the inhabitantes of the same towne, to the gret profite of al the inhabitantes of the same, and thereby many poore people haue ben wel set a worke, as wel with dyellyng & frysing of the sayd cottons, as with puttyng to sale the same. And forasmoch as dyuers lyght and euyl disposed persons, syns the makynge of the sayde statute, for certeyne offences by them comytted and done, haue nowe of late resoyted and made theyr abode within the sayd towne of Manchester, and lyued in ydelnes, not alonly grynng euyl occasion to honest and true labourers and seruantes, within the sayd towne to lyue in such sort of ydelnes, but also haue allured and entised dyuers seruantes and labourers within the said towne, to pryetyse & vse vnlaufull games, whereby they haue consumed and mys spent theyr maisters goodes being in theyr handes, and ouer that syns the resoyt of the sayd persones to the sayd towne, there hath ben comitted and done dyuers theftes and felonies, as in felonious breakynge of walke milles, and steallyng clothes thither brought to be fulled, and also in stealing of parne layd out to be whited, and in stealynge and cuttyng downe great peaces of clothes from the teryntours, as well by nyght as by daye, to the great impoueryshment of the owners therof, so that they be not able to kepe theyr credite with their sayd creditours, by reason wherof the said Fryshemen and other, which heretofore haue vsed to bypynge and sell theyr wolles parne and other necessary wares for making of clothes, to the inhabitantes of the said towne, and to credit them for the payment therof, as befoze is expessed, do nowe withdraue them selves with theyr sayde wares, and wyl not bypynge nor sell the same wares in the sayd towne, nor to the inhabitauntes therof, without redy payment in hande: and the sayd persons, whiche vsed to bypynge thither the sayde cottons, do also withdraue them selves, whiche shall be to the vtter decay and desolation of the said towne within shorte tyme, if the sayd offendours and sanctuary men and suche other, shall be suffered to make theyr abode within the said towne. And also for as moche as the sayd towne of Manchester is not walled, whereby the sayde sanctuary men may or can saulselfe be kepte in the nyght season, but that they maye and do continually escape out of the same towne by nyght, and comyt sundry great robberies and felonies vpon the kynges lounge and obedient subiectes, repaynyng to the same towne, and after theyr sayde felonies and robberies so committed, maye without any let of wall or fortres enter in to euery part and quarters of the same towne. And also for as moche as there is neyther maye



Mistresse baylyfe no; other heade officer o; officers within the same towne, o; ther then a stewart beynge officer immediatelp under the chiefe lord of the same towne, by reason wherof o; by whome the sayde saintuary men myghte be the moze indrede o; better punished, after they; sayde robberies o; euyl doynges, no; yet any prison house o; iayle saufely to kepe them in, after they; sayde offences and euyl doynges. wherfoze be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the sayde former acte of parliament, concerninge the priuilege sayntuary and tuition for the sayde offendours onely within the sayd towne of Manchester, shall and maye be from the feast of the natiuitie of saynt Iohn Baptiste nowe nexte commynge, repelled adnichilate and made frustrate. And the sayd town of Manchester from the said feast of saynt Iohn Baptiste, shall be of lyke condition estate and qualitie discharged of the sayd saintuary and priuilege, as the same towne was before the makynge of the sayd former acte, any thynge sentence clause o; article conteyned in the sayd former acte, to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And that it may be ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the cite of Westchester, in the countie of Chester, which is wel inhabited, hauynge no suche trade of merchandise, and hath a stronge iayle within the same cite, for punishment of malefactours, and also there is in the same cite a mayre, bailiffes, and other head officers, amongst other townes and places from henceforth may be admitted allowed and taken to be saintuary, and a place of priuilege and tuition for terme of life of all and synghular offenders and malefactours, of what soo euer qualitie kynde and nature all and euery the sayde offences be, for the whiche sayde offences and crymes, the peynes and punishment of deathe shulde ensue by the statutes lawes and customes of this realme, other then suche as by and in the sayde acte of parliament be expressed and forpysed.

¶ Provided alwayes that this acte o; any thynge therein conteyned, shall not extende to repell adnichilate o; make voyde the sayde former acte of parliament, made in the sayde. xxxii. yere of our sayd soueraygne lord the kyng, concerninge any saintuary o; priuileged places, limited in the sayde former acte, other then onely the sayde towne of Manchester.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the constables of the sayde towne of Manchester, for the tyme beinge, takynge and associatyng with them, twenty of the inhabitantes of the same towne by they; discretions, shall haue the saufe conduction leadinge and bringinge of all saintuary menne, nowe o; hereafter before the feast of the natiuitie of sayncte Iohn Baptiste nexte commynge, beynge in the sayde towne, to conduct leade and saufe bring from the sayd towne of Manchester, to the foresayd cite of Westchester, there to remayne as saintuary men, and to be deliuered to the  
mayre

mayze and shyppes of the sayd cite of Westchester, by indenture to be made betwene the foresayde constables and the saide maior and shireffes, there for the tyme beinge, in which indentures shalbe compiled and specified the names of all suche saintuarpe persons, as shal be so deliuered: and that the sayde saintuarp persons and euery of them, shal be in al places meane betwene Manchester and Westchester, in the tyme of the sayde conduction leadinge and byingunge from Manchester to Westchester, as they and euery of them had ben & remained saintuarp persons in Manchester foresayd.

¶ Provided alwaye and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that if hereafter vpon any reasonable matter or cause, it shal appere to the kynges maiestie by information or otherwyle, that the sayde cite of Chester is not mete to be saintuarpe, nor for a place of priuilege and tuition for the sayde offendours and malefactours, as bene aboue remembred, or for suche lyke of theyr conditions: that then it shal be laweful to the kynges highnes, by his graces proclamation, to extinct and detemine the sayde saintuarp wth in the sayd cite of Chester, and clerely to discharge the same cite therof: and therupon to appointe ordeyn and make one other towne or place to be saintuarpe, and a place of priuilege and tuition for the sayde offendours and malefactours, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ In acte for woystede parne in Northfolke. Cap. xvi.



HERE as for the most part in all the shires and countie of this realme of Englande there be and haue bene certayne priuate commodities, growynge and rylynge onely within the sayde shires or counties, by the whiche onely commodities polittely provided for and continewed, the citie and townes within the sayde shires and counties, and the inhabitants of the same, be and haue ben without any foreyne ayde or succour plenteously and welthly kept mainteyned defended and preserued: all whiche commodities by the disceyte and subtil practises, as well of merchantes straungers as of dyuers other couetous and euill conscioned persons, haue ben and be many tymes clerely distroyd and subuerted, to the great losse and decay as well of the sayde citie and townes, within euery suche shire and countie, as of the inhabitantes in the same: Amonges the which said citie townes shires and counties, haupng priuate commodities, the cite of Northwicke and dyuers other, and many townes in the countie of North. hath ben alwayes heretofore kepte preserued and mainteyned, and the pooze men and other dwellers and inhabitantes in the same, godly honestly and vertuously brought by occupied and exercised, by a commoditie growynge and rylynge onely within the sayde countie, that is to say, by the makynge and weaynng of woystedes and other cletthes, which hath ben made and wouen of the parne called woystede parne, sponne of the wull growynge and comynge of the

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chepe dyed onely within the countie of Norfolk, and in no place els where. And for as moche as the sayd commoditie of making and weauing of woostredes, within the sayde cite of Norwich and countie of Norfolk, by the disceyte and crafty practises of the great multitude of regatours and byers of the sayde parne, called woostred parne, is holly decayed and taken awaye from the sayde dwellers and inhabitants in the sayd cite and shyre, that is to say, in that that the sayde regatours do bye the sayde parne by smalle parcels of many men, and after that they haue so by litle and litle bought a great quantitie of the same parne, do not cause it to be wouen or otherwyle wrought in the sayd cite or countie, but do sell sende and cary away the same parne out of this realme of Englande, into Fraunce Flaunders and suche other lyke places beyonde the sea, where with the sayde parne, strangers, not being borne vnder the kynges dominions, do make and weaue sayes, russelles woostred, and byuers and sundrye other clothes and thynges, the whiche after they haue so made and wouen, the sayde straungers do sell agayne to vs englyshmen within this sayd realme of England, to theyr great profytte lurte and aduantage, and to the clete decay and destruction of the sayd commoditie: by reason wherof the sayd cite of Norwich, and other the said townes in the said countie of Norfolk, are not only most likely to be brought to vtter ruine and decay, and the pooze men and other dwellers and inhabitants of the same, whiche haue ben heretofore set on worke, kepte and mainteyned onely by the sayd commoditie, illuded and disceyued therof, but also at very lyke to be lefte destitute and vnprouded of a liuinge, or any maner of art or occupation, by the which they shall be able within the said cite or countie to acquise to them selves theyr wyues and chyliden any honest way and trade to lyue. Be it therfore ordeyned and enacted, by the assent of the kynges moste royal maiestie, and the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that no person no persons from henceforth, shall bye ne cause to be bought within the sayd cite of Norwich, or countie of Norfolk, any parne called woostred parne, the whiche shall be sponne within the sayde cite or countie, but onely suche person or persons, being weauers or other artificers, the whiche shall weaue or other wise worke, or cause to be wouen or other wise wroughte, the sayde parne so bought within the sayde cite and countie, in the sayde cite of Norwich, or some other market towne or townes or elles where within the sayd countie of Norfolk, vpon the peyne of forfaytinge for euery pounce weyght of parne, called woostred parne, soo bought within the sayde cite of Norwich or countie of Norfolk, and not wouen or other wise wrought within the sayde cite or countie, as is aforesayde. xl. s. the one halfe therof to our soweraygne lord the kyng, and the other halfe to hym or theym that shall so take the sayde parne, or sue for the same by bill playnte information or other wise, in whiche sulte none eslopye protection ne wager of lawe shall be allowed or admitted.

And be it futher ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that if any person

person or persons do from or after the fyfte daye of Aprill nexte ensuynge, shyppe to carie or conuey, or cause to be shipped to carie or conuey in to the parties beyonde the sea, or elles do carie or conuey, or cause to be caried and conueyed in to the parties beyonde the sea, any yarne called worsted yarne not wrought or made in clothe, so suche yarne be sporne or made within this realme of England, that then euery person and persons, so shippynge conueyynge or carpyng, or causynge suche yarne so to be shipped caried or conueyed, shall forsaite for euery pounce of worsted yarne, so shipped conueyed or caried .xl. s. the one halfe therof to be vnto our soueraigne lord the kynge, the other half vnto hym or them that wol sue for the same in any court of recorde by information byl playnt or other wyse, where as no waier of law ellopne or protection shall be allowed. This acte to continue and endure vnto the last day of the next parliament.

**C**In acte for confirmation and continuation of certayne actes. Cap. xviij.

**W**HERE in the parliament begun and holden at London, the thyrde daye of Nouember, in the .xli. yere of the reygne of our moste gracious souerayne lord kynge Henry the eighth, and from thens adiourned to westm, and there holden and continued by dyuers prorogacions, vntill the dissolution therof, an acte was made and establisshed, declarynge and concernynge as wel howe aged poore and impotent persons, compellid to lyue by almes, shulde be ordered and vled, and also howe vagaboundes and myghty strong beggers shulde be whipped and punished: And at the sayd parliament one other acte was made and establisshed, for the restraynt of carpenge and conueyng of horses and mares out of this realme: And also at the sayd parliament one other acte was made and establisshed for punishmente of woolstheuen, attemptynge assautes or assaues vppon any inhabytauntes of Hereford, Gloucester, or Shropshyre. whiche sayd thre seuerall actes were also made to endure to the laste daye of the nexte parliament, as by the same thre seuerall actes moze playnely appereth: And also oone other acte was there made in the sayd parliament for the trewe makynge of cables halters and ropes: And also one other act for the trewe wyndynge of wolles: And one other acte to restrayne kyllynge of waynynges, bullockes, steeres, or heifers, beinge vnder the aage of two yeres, whiche sayd thre seuerall actes laste befoze remembred were than made to endure and contynue vnto the nexte parliament, as by the same thre seuerall actes moze playnely appereth. And where also in the sayd parlyamente, one other acte was made and establisshed for the attayntes to be setwed for punishmente of perjury vpon vntrewe verdictes: And also one other acte was there made in the sayd parlyamente concernynge sowynge of flaxe and hempe, all whiche sayd two seuerall actes laste befoze reherced were than made and ordeyned



ned to continue and endure to the laste daye of the nexte parlyament, as by the same two severall actes moze playnly at large is shewed and maye appere. And where also in the sayd parlyament one other acte was made and established for making of sayles in divers shires of this realme, which same acte was then made to continue and endure for one yere nexte after the ende of the same parlyamente, as by the same acte also moze plainly appereth. And where also in the parlyamente begun and holden at westm. the. viii. daye of June, in the. xxviii. yere of the reigne of our sayde moste dread souerayne lord kyng Henry the. viii. and there continued and kepte vntill the dissolution therof, It was ordeyned and enacted, that all and singular the sayde severall actes aboute remembred, and euery of them, shoulde continue and endure in theyr force and strengthe, and also be obserued and kepte vntill the laste daye of the nexte parlyament, as by the same acte amonges other thynges therein conteyned moze playnly appereth. And where also in the parlyamente begonne and holden at westmynster, the. xxviii. daye of Apryll, and there continued vntill the. xxviii. daye of June, in the. xxxi. yere of the reigne of our sayde moste dreadde souerayne lord kyng Henry the. eighth, it was ordeyned and enacted by the auctorite of the same parlyament, that all and singular the sayde severall actes aboute remembred, and euery of them, and all clauses, articles, and prouysions in them and euery of them conteyned, shoulde continue and endure in theyr force and strengthe, and also be obserued and kepte vntill the last daye of the nexte parlyament, as by the same acte amonges other thynges therein conteyned moze playnly appereth. And where also in the laste session of the same parlyamente, begonne at westmynster the. xii. daye of Apryll, in the sayde. xxxi. yere of the kynges moste noble reigne, and there by dyuers pꝛogations continued, vntill the. xxiii. daye of Iulye, in the. xxxi. yere of our sayd souerayne lord the kynges reigne, there was one other acte made and established for and concerninge the reformation of myspleadynge, iefayles, and attourneyes, whiche same acte with the pꝛouiso therein conteyned, were made to endure vntill the laste daye of the nexte parlyamente, as by the same acte and pꝛouiso amonges other thynges therein conteyned moze playnly appereth. And for as moche as all and singular the sayde severall actes aboute mencyned, be good and benefyciall for the common wealthe of this realme: Be it therfore enacted and ordeyned by the auctorite of this pꝛesent parlyament, that all and singular the sayde severall actes, and euery of them, and all clauses articles and pꝛouysions in them and euery of them conteyned, shal continue and endure in theyr force and strengthe, and be obserued and kepte in all thynges vnto the laste daye of the nexte parlyament.

¶ **PROVYDED** alwayes and be it enacted by the auctorite of this pꝛesent parlyament, that it shall not be lefull to any person or persons, at any tyme hereafter to water any manner of hempe or flaxe in any ryuer runnyng water streame broke or other common ponde, where beastes be vsed to be watered,

watered, but onely on the grounde of pyttes for the same ordeyned, and to be ordeined made and prouided, or els in otheer theyr owne seuerall poudes, vpon payne euery person and persons, offendynge or doynge contrary to the tenour meanyng and purpouse of this estatute, to lose and forsaite for euery tyme so doynge. xx. s. the one halfe thereof to be to our soueraygne lord the kynge, and the other halfe thereof to be to the partie greeued, or to any otheer the kynges subiectes that woll seue for the same forsaite in any courte of recoorde leete or lawdaye, by action of debte, bylle, playnte, information or otheerwysse, in whiche suite no protection wayer of lawe essoyne or otheer delatozr plea, shall be admytted or allowed.

**C**In act for true makynge of kersyes. Cap. xlviii.



**V**HERE AT a parlyament holden at London, the .iii. day of Nouember, in the .xxi. yere of our moste dreadde soueraygne lord the kynges most gracious reigne that now is, and from thens adourned to westmynster, and there continued by sundry prouocations vnto the fourth day of february, in the .xxii. yere of his sayde gracyous reigne, it was ordeined and enacted in the session of the sayde parlyament, in the sayd .xxii. yere amongst otheer thynges, that after the feast of saynt Mychell the archaungell nexte ensuynge after the makynge of the sayd acte euery clothier within this realme, shulde sette his seale of leade vnto euery clothe and kersye that shulde be redy made and dyessed to be put to sale, in whiche seale of leade shuld be conteyned the true and iust content of the lengthe of euery of the same clothes or kersyes, as it shulde be duely founde by euery byer of the same, vpon due prouise therof to be tried by the water. And in case vpon any suche prouise to be made by any byer of them at the water, there shuld be founde lesse and smaller content in lengthe, than shuld be conteyned and specified in euery of the sayd seales, that than euery such clothier, makynge suche default, shulde lose and forsaite vnto euery suche byer of the same, the double value of so moche clothe as shulde wante or lacke of his sayde content in lengthe, at the onely syght and iudgement of any two indifferent persons, that shulde measure the sayd clothes and kersyes. And furthermore it was enacted by the sayde acte, that euery kersye, so to be put to sale, shuld conteyne in bredthe one parde within the lystre, vpon dewe prouise therof to be tried by the water, vpon payne to forsaite for euery such kersye, lackynge of the sayd content in bredth. xx. s. as by the same acte amongstes otheer thynges therein conteyned moze at large it is expessed and maye appere. Whiche sayde acte yf it shulde be put in execution, shuld not alonely growe and be to the great losses and decay of the kynges hyghnes customes, but also to the great hynderaunce hurte and impoueryshment of the kynges louynge and obedient subiectes, and specially of those inhabityng within the countyes of Berke. Southt, Oxfordehsyre, Surrey, Suffe, and Yorkeshsyre, where



where there are a great numbꝛe of course kerseys made, beinge of the value of xxx. s. the piece, oꝛ thereabouts: whiche kerseys are made of course wolle, and are commonly solde foꝛ xx. d. oꝛ, xxii. d. the pꝛice coloured, of whiche course foꝛe of kerseys there are commonly made in the sayde countiees fye hundred agaynst one fyne kersey, by the makinge and workinge whereof a great numbꝛe of the kynges subiectes are sette a worke and gette theyꝝ luyvings, whiche course kerseys are vntered into the farr parties beyonde the sea, and fewe oꝛ none vntered in this realme, and haue not bene vnted sith the remembraunce of man to be made of such content in bredth, as is lympted in the sayd estatute, foꝛ that the wolle and yarne, wherof the sayd kerseys are made, be of such kyndes and properties, as well by reason of the coarsenes of the wolle, as also foꝛ the manyfolde dyfference of sundꝛ spynnynge of the same, and foꝛ dyuers other consyderacions, the kerseys therof made can not be so certeynly wrought as the same shoulde and myght kepe any tyme oꝛ iuste certeynty of lengthe oꝛ bredth thowghtly, whan it shall come to the water, although the workers and makers of the same do put ther vnto the beste of their forces and diligence, as by experience and pꝛofe thereof hath bene dewely pꝛoued, and is nowe tyghte well perceyued: by occasyon whereof the makers and workers of suche course kerseys shulde be compelled eyther to forsake their mysteries of makinge of suche course kerseys, whereby many thousand persons dwelling within this realme, and specially within the countiees aboue reherfed, now hauyng good and competent luyvings, shuld be vnterrupted and falle to pꝛelnes, oꝛ els to incurre the daunger and penaltie of the sayde estatute, to theyꝝ vtter vndoyng.

¶ Foꝛ remedye wherof be it enacted by the kyng our soueraygne loꝛde, the loꝛdes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this pꝛesent parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that from hensfoꝛth it shall and may be lesfull to all and euery of the kynges subiectes to make worke and put to sale at their lybertie and pleasure, all maner of suche coloured kersey and kerseys, whiche shall be solde at oꝛ foꝛ xx. d. oꝛ, xxii. d. the pꝛice oꝛ vnder, and not aboue, of such lengthes and bredthes as they dyd myght oꝛ were wonte to do befoꝛe the makinge of the sayde acte, made in the sayd, xxvii. yere of our sayd soueraygne loꝛde the kynges regne, oꝛ any other act, without incurringe oꝛ rounnyng into any daunger oꝛ penaltie foꝛ the same, the sayde acte made in the sayd xxvii. yere, oꝛ any thyng therein conteyned, oꝛ any other acte oꝛ statute made to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ PROVIDED alway, that all maner of kerseys to be made wrought and put to sale within this realme, of the colours of blacke marble, russette, and whyte (whiche sayd colours be commonly sold and retapled within this realme) shall be made of suche content in bredth, as is lympted in the sayd foꝛmer acte, vppon payne in the same foꝛmer acte conteyned, any thyng in this pꝛesent act conteyned to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ AND IT IS FURTHER enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that all and euery person and persones, whiche shall make oꝛ worke any kerseys of

of the pyces aboue rehersed, or vnder, shal at all tymes hereafter from tyme to tyme, make the same herseyes twelwe without decepte, and that they or any of theym do not shal falsely or vntreuly make or stoppe any maner of herseyes with flockes thymmes or other, decepuable thynges or thynges, to the decepte of any persone or personnes, nor shal by colour of any libertie so them gyven, or other matter compyled in this estatute, make woike and put to sale any coloured herseye or herseyes of the pyces aboue rehersed, whiche shal conteyne any lesse in bryeth than the quarters of a parde and one nable within the yste, to be tryed at the water, vpon payne to forsaite for euery hersey so falsely made or stopped with flockes thymmes or other decepuable thynges or thynges, to the decepte of any persone or personnes xx.s. and vpon payne to forsaite for euery suche coloured hersey of the price aboue rehersed to be made and put to sale, not conteynyng, iii. quarters of a parde and one nable in bryeth within the yste, to be tried at the water as is aforesaid. xx. d. the one halfe of whiche forsaitures to be to our soueraine lord the kyng, and the other halfe therof to be to hym or theym that woll sewe for the same in any of the kynges courtes of recoorde, by action of debt byll playnt or information, wherin the defendaunt shal not be receyued to wage his lawe, nor any essoyne or protectio for such defendaunt to be allowed.

**P**rovided alwaye that the sayde former acte, made in the sayde. xxviii. yere, and all clauses and articles in the same conteyned (other than concernyng the bryeth of coloured herseyes of the pyces afoze rehersed) shal stande and be in their full strength and effecte, and be kept and obserued accoording to the tenour and purpozt of the same acte.

**P**rovided also and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that the awnager of euery countie shal and may lefully seale euery of the same coloured herseyes of the pyces aboue sayde, in lyke maner and forme as he or they shoulde or myghte haue done, if the sayde former acte had neuer ben hadde nor made.

**P**rovided also, that none of the sayde herseyes of the pyces afoze lympted, nor any other hersey or bryde clothe, made within this realme to be vntered and solde, shal be put to sale befoze that they and euery of theym shal be sealed by the awnager with the kynges seale, as hath bene accustomed.

**AN ACTE** expoundyng a certayne statute concernyng  
shypinge of clothes. **Cap. xix.**



**W**HERE IN the parlamente begun and holden at London, the thyrde daye of Nouember, in the. xxi. yere of the regne of our moste bryad soueraigne lord kyng Henry the eyght, and from thens adiourned to xxviii. and there also holden and continued by dyuers proroogations, vnto the. iiii. day of february, in the. xxviii. yere of our sayd soueraigne lord the kynges regne, and there then holden vntyll the dissolution therof, It was  
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by acte of parlamente ordeyned and establyshed, that every whyte wollen clothe solde for. iiii. sh. and vnder, and every coloured clothe sold for. iii. sh. and vnder, might be caried and conueied into the parties of beyonde the sea, there to be solde at the pleasure of the buyers of the sayde clothe and clothes vnbarbed vnshorne and vnrowed, any act or actes to the contrary made not withstandinge. And by the same acte it was further enacted, that if any person or persons byd sende or conuey or cause to be sent and conueyed in to the parties beyonde the sea any white wollen clothe aboue the value of. iiii. sh. or any coloured clothe aboue the price of. iii. sh. vnrowed vnbarbed and vnshorne, in other fourme then is aboue mentioned, that then the personne or persons so offendynge shall forfayte the value of the sayde clothes so caried and conueyed in to the parties beyonde the sea, the one moytie of the same forfayture to be to the use of our sayde soueraigne lord the kinge, and the other moytie to any person whiche wyl or shall sue by byl wyt or other wyse agaynst any person for the same, and the defendaunt in any plea vpon any such suite or action be not admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or esoyne for any suche defendaunt be allowed in the same, as by the same acte more playnely appereth. Upon the interpretation and expoundynge of certain wordes within the sayd act diuersitie of opinions hath ryisen amongst some persons, that if any person or persones sende or conuey, or cause to be sente or conueied towarde the parties of beyonde the sea, any white wollen clothe, aboue the value of. iiii. sh. or any coloured clothe, aboue the value of. iii. sh. vnrowed vnbarbed or vnshorne, whether the same clothe soo sente or the value thereof be forfayted, before the same clothe be caried and conueied into the parties of beyonde the sea. For a playne declaration of the premises be it ordeined and enacted by the auctorite of this presente parliament, that no person or persons from henceforth shall carpe or shyp, or cause to be shyped in any shyp bote craye or vessel any white wollen clothe, aboue the value of. iiii. sh. or any coloured clothe aboue the value of. iii. sh. vnrowed vnbarbed or vnshorne, to the intente to be conueyed in to the parties beyonde the sea, vppon payne of forfayture of the same clothe or clothes, or the value thereof, the same forfayture to be recouered in suche maner and fourme as is afoze mentioned.

**C**An acte for due proces to be had in hygh treasons, in cases of lunacy or madnes. Cap. xx.



**F**OR AS moche as somtyme some persons beyng accu-  
sed of hygh treasons, haue after they haue ben examyned  
before the kynges maiesties counsaile, confessed theyr of-  
fences of hygh treason, and yet neuer the lesse after the do-  
ynge of theyr treasons, and examinations and confessions  
therof, as is afoze sayde, haue fallen to madnes or lunacy,  
wherby the condigne punishment of theyr treasons, were they neuer soo  
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notable and detestable, hath ben deferred spaced and delayed, and whether they; madnes o; lunacy by them outwardly shewed were of trowth o; falsely contrived and counterfayted, it is a thyng almost impossible certainly to iudge o; try. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, to avoide al sinister counterfeite and false practises and ymaginacions, that maye be vsed for excuse of punishment of highe treasons, in suche cases where they be done o; committed by any person o; persons of good perfect and hole memo; at the tyme of suche they; offences, that if any person o; persons haue done o; committed, o; hereafter shall do o; committe any hygh treasons when they were in good hole and perfecte memo;, and after they; accusation examination and confession therof, befo; any the kynges maiesties counsaile, shall happen to fall to madnes o; lunacy, that yet neuer the lesse, if it shall appere by the testynonie of foure of the kynges counsell o; mo, that suche persons at the tyme of doinge they; treason, and at the tyme of they; accusation examination and confession therof, were of good perfect and hole memo;, and than not mad no; lunatyke, but sythen that tyme fallen to madnes o; lunacy, and so certified into the kynges Chancery by wytyng subscribed with the names of foure of the sayd counsell o; mo: that than in euery suche case the kynges maiesties commission of oyer and terminer of the treasons, shalbe awarded out of the sayd Chancery, vnder his highnes great seale, into suche shire & place, and to such persons, as it shal please the kynges most roial maiestie to limit and appoynt, in which commission shalbe specially mentioned and expessed the names of such person o; persons, who shall happen to be accused and examined of treason befo; any the kynges maiesties counsaile, as is aforesayde, and an expresse mention, that by the testimony of foure of the kynges counsaile, suche person o; persons so accused o; examined of treason, were of good perfecte and hole memo; at the tyme of committynge they; offences, and at the tyme of they; accusation examination and confession therof, and that sythen that tyme they be become mad o; lunatyke. By vertue of whiche commission the commissioners, lyMITTED by the same commission, shall haue power and auctoritie to enquire of the treasons done by suche persons, by the inhabitants o; freholders of the shyre where suche commission shall be directed to, where so euer the sayde treasons were done o; committed. And if such person o; persons aforesayde, shall happen to be indited of hygh treason, than the sayd commissioners, without the personall apparance o; arraignment of suche person o; persons so indyted, shall cause the shyreffe o; his mynysters, o; oth er haupng authoritie to retorne proccesse in such cases, to returne a panell befo; them of sufficient and laufull freholders of the shyre, where suche persons shalbe indited, for the tryall of they; treasons contrayned in their inditement. And after the retorne of the panell, and apparance of the Jury, the sayd commissioners in the absense of the sayde person o; persons indited, beynge mad o; lunatyke, without any arraignment answere o; plea to the inditement, shall sweare, xii. of suche of the sayde iurye as shall be re-



turned before them, to trye whether the person or persons indicted be guilty of the treasons conteyned in the inditement, or of any of them (or not guilty) causinge onely thinditement to be redde to the sayd iury, and after the red- dyng the of cause and suffer open evidence to be given to the iury, as well for the kyng as for the partie touchyng the treasons conteyned in the inditement, as to theyr discretions what seme convenient. wherby on the iurye shall be bounden to give theyr verdyte accordyng to theyr evidence, as yf the persons indicted had be present arraigned and pleaded to the same: And if it shall happen such person or persons so indicted, to be found guilty by the sayd iury so charged to trye suche treasons, that than the offendours of such treasons, so found guilty shall have such iugement, & suffer such pyns of death, forfaytures of landes goodes chattels and all other thinges, as is comonly limited in cases of high treason, and as if suche persons had ben of good and hole memoxy, and personally present arraigned and pleded to theyr inditement, and had ben found guilty therof, theyr madnes or lunacy, or their absence non arraignment, or not pleadynge to the sayde inditement, in any wyse not lettynge nor withstandynge.

¶ PROVIDED alway and be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that if any of the peeres of this realme shall happen to be accused & examined of hygh treason before any the kinges counsell, & do confesse the same, and afterwarde fall to madnes or lunacy, as is aforesayd, that than such treasons done and committed by any peere of the realme, and by him or her confessed upon examination therof before any of the kinges counsaile, as is aforesayde, and theyr confessions, if they can wyte, subscribed with theyr names, shall be enquyred of by vertue of the kinges commission of oyer and terminer, to be awarded in maner and fourme above rehearsed. And if they shall happen to be indicted of high treason, by vertue of suche commission, yet neverthelesse theyr tryall shall be always had by theyr peeres, before the hygh steward of England, to be assigned by the kinges highnes. And that the high steward to be assigned by the kinges maiestie in every such case, shall have the record of the indytemet brought to hym, and shall cause to be summoned, to appere before hym, the peeres of the realme, as hath ben accustomed, at a day and place by the sayd high steward to be limited, at which day and place the said high steward, after the apparance of the peeres before hym, haupyng the recorde of the sayd inditement before hym, shall in the absence of the persons indicted, whiche shall happen to be madde or lunatyke, as is aforesayde, and without his or her arraignment or pleadynge to the indytemet, cause the sayd inditement to be red to the peeres, and in theyr presence cause to be declared by his discretion all maner of evidence and wytnes touchyng the treasons conteyned in the sayd inditement, and afterwarde charge the sayd peeres upon theyr faithes and duties of alleggiance, that they owen to the kinges maiestie, to trye whether the person indicted be guilty of the treasons conteyned in the indytementes or any of them, or not guilty. And if they shall find hym or her guilty: that then suche iudgement execution and forfaytures shall be had

he had made and done, as if suche person indicted had ben of good memory, and personally presente arraigned and pleaded to the sayd inditement, and had ben found guilty of the treasons therein conteyned, the madnes or lunacy of suche persons in suche cases as is also sayde, not withstandinge.

**A**nd be it further enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that if any person or persons, shall happen to be attaynted and convicted of hygh treason, by auctoritie of parliament, or by the due course of the common lawes or statutes of this realme, and afterwarde fall to madnesse or lunacy, that yet neuerthelesse they shall haue and suffer execution, they; madnes or lunacy not withstandinge. And that if any person or persons shall be attaynted of hygh treason by the course of the common lawes or statutes of this realme, that in every suche case every suche attaynder by the common lawe shall be of as good strength value force and effect, as if it had bene done by auctoritie of parliament: And that the kynges maiestie his heires and successours, shall haue as moche benefite and aduantage by such attaynder, as well of bles rightes entrees conditions, as possessions reuertions remainders and all other thynges, as if it had ben done and declared by auctoritie of parliament, and shall be demed and adiudged in actuall and real possessions of the landes tenementes hereditamentes bles goodes cattalles and all other thynges of the offendours so attainted, which his highnes ought lawfully to haue, and which they so being attainted, ought or niought lawfully lose and forsaite, if the attaynder had ben done by auctoritie of parliament, without any offyce or inquisition to be founde of the same, any lawe statute or vse of the realme to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandinge. Sauyng to al and every person and persons, and bodies politike, and their heires assignes and successours, and every of them, other than suche person and persons, whiche hereafter shall be attaynted of hygh treason, and they; heires and assignes and every of them, and all and every other person and persons, clampinge by them or any of them, or to they; bles, or to the bles of any of them, after the sayde treason committed, all suche ryght title vse possession entree reuertions remainders interestes conditions fees offices rentes annuities comons leases and al other commodities profittes and hereditamentes what so euer they or any of theym shulde myght or oughte to haue had, if this act had neuer ben had ne made.

**A**n acte concerninge the attaynder of the late quene Catharine and her complites. Cap. xxi.



**I**N THEYR moste humble wyse beseechen your moste royal maiestie the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and all other your moste louynge and obedient subiectes the commons of this your moste high courte of parliament assembled, that where besydes any mannes expectation suche chaunce hath happened by maistres Catharin Howard, whiche your high

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nes toke to your wyfe, bothe to your maiestie chiefly, and so consequently to vs all, that the lyke we thynke hath scarce be sene, the lykelyhoodes and apparances beyng so far contrary to that, which by euident and due proufe is now found true. ffirst that it wyl please your maiestie to take it in suche parte, as therby aryse not to vs all a greater inconuenience, whiche is the trouble of your hart, and vnquietnes of your mynde: for that shulde be a shoytning of that whiche we all shuld repent and must despyze the contrary. Secondly that it wold please your maiesty to pardon all your louynge subiectes, which sons these matters came to their knowlege, haue detested and abhoyred her for this fact, both in word maner and dede, and of wordes vttered by them of her and her adherentes not mainteynable in your lawes, consyderynge that they dyd and do it onely for the great zeale and loue that they beare to your maiestie, and the abhominacion of the detestable facte. Thyrddly that sines it pleased your maiestie vpon those lykely outward apparances, to take the sayd maistres Catherin Howard to your wyfe, and Queene, of your most excellent goodnes, and for a godly purpose, and also moste liberally to endue her with great possessions for the maintenaunce of the same, thinkinge and takynge her at that tyme to be chaste, and of pure cleane and honest liuynge, the contrary wherof is now duely proued, both by her owne confession, and others also. And that also she after the marriage betwene your maiestie and her, toke moste trayterously to her seruyce the same person, with whom she vled that vitious lyfe befoze, whose name was fraunces Dereham, and vled hym in manye secreete conferences and messages after as by his confession and attayndour doeth moze playnly appere. Callynge also to her seruyce in roume of Chamberer a woman, whiche was priuie to her noughty lyfe befoze, wherby she hath shewed a great apparauce and in maner a due proufe of wyl to returne to her olde and abhominable life with the fozsayd person. And yet she not satisfied with these abhominable carnall despyzes, the ende wherof howe perillous it was and myght haue bene to your maiestie and persone, were harde to expresse, hath also sines that tyme most traytorously confederated her selfe with the ladye Jane Rocheforde widow, late wyfe of George Boleyn knight late lord Rocheforde, to byng her vitious and abhominable pourpose to passe with Thomas Culpeper esquier, late one of the gentilmen of your graces priuy Chamber, by whose meanes the quene brought to passe, that the sayd Culpeper and she met in a secret and hile place, and that at an vndue houre of a leuen a clocke in the night, and so remayned there with hym tyll thre of the clocke in the mornynge, none beyng with them but that haude the lady Jane Rocheford, by whose meanes Culpeper came thither, and there they al thys and at other conferences togyther afterward, most falsely and traytorously comitted and perpetrated many detestable and abhominable tresons, to the most fearful peril and daungier of the destruction of your moste royal persone, and to the vtter losse disherison and desolation of this your realme of England, if god of his infinite goodnes hadde not in due tyme brought the  
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sayde treasons to lyght. Of and for whiche treasons beyng manifestly and playnly proued, as well by the confession of the sayde Queene and other the sayde parties, as by dyuers other wytnesses and proses, the sayde Fraunces Dereham and Thomas Culpeper haue ben lausfully and truely, and accordyng to the lawes of the realme convicted and attaynted: And the sayde Queene and Jane lady Rocheford be lausfully indicted, in so moche that Thomas Culpeper and Fraunces Dereham haue iustly suffered therfore paynes of death, accordyng to theyr merites, as by the recordes therof moze plainly at large may appere. It may therfore please your highnes, of your moste excellent and accustomed goodnes, and for the entier loue fauour and happy affection, that your maiestie hath alwayes heretofore borne, and yet beareth to the common welth of this your realme of England, and for the conseruation of your most excellent highnes and posteritie, and of the good peace vnitie and rest of vs your moste bounden and obedyent subiectes, to graunte and assent at the most humble desyre and petition of your loupng and obedyent subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons in this present parlyament assembled, that this theyr lawful inditementes and attayndours, of suche as haue lately suffered, may be approued by the auctoritie of this present parlyament. And that it maye be enacted, that the sayde queene Catherine, and Jane lady Rocheforde, for theyr sayde abhominable and detestable treasons by them and euery of them moste abhominably and trayterously committed and done against your maiesty and this your realme, shal be by the auctorite of this present parlyament, convicted & attaynted of high treasons, and that the same Quene Catherine, and Jane lady Rocheford and eyther of them, shal haue and suffer paynes of death, losse of goodes catalls dettes termes and al other thinges, as in cases of high treason by the lawes of this your realme hath ben accustomed granted and giuen to the crowne. And also that the sayde queene Catherine, Jane lady Rocheforde, Thomas Culpeper, and Fraunces Dereham and euery of them, shal lose and forsaite to your highnes, and to your heyres, all suche rightes title interest vse and possession, whiche they or any of them had the .xxv. daye of Auguste in the xxxiii. yere of your reigne, or any tyme liethens, of in or to all suche theyr honours manours meases landes tenementes rentes reuertions remaynders vles possessions offices ryghtes conditions, and all other theyr hereditamentes, of what names natures or qualities so euer they be, and that all suche rightes title interest vse and possession, whiche they or any of them had, or of right ought to haue the sayd .xxv. daye of August, or any tyme liethen, of in or to the same honours castelles manours meases landes tenementes rentes reuertions remaynders vles possessiones offices ryghtes commodities and hereditamentes, by the auctoritie aforesayd shalbe demed bested and iudged to be in the actual and reall possession of your maiesty, without any office or inquisition therof hereafter to be taken or founde, accordyng to the comon lawes of this your realme: Sauing to euery person and persons, and bodies polityke, and to their heyres assignes and successours and euery of them,



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other than the sayde Queene Katherine, Jane lady Rocheforde, Thomas Culpeper, and Fraunces Dereham, and theyr bettes, and euery of theym, hereafter clamping the p[re]misses, as theye by o[ur] from theym, o[ur] by o[ur] from any of theym, and all and euery other persone and persones, clamping by them o[ur] any of theym, o[ur] to theyr bles, o[ur] to the vse of any of them, o[ur] to the vse of any of theyr sayde heyses, all suche ryghte, tittle, vse, possession, intereste, reuertion, remaynder, entrees, condempcion, fees, offyces, rentes, annuities, commons, and all other commodities and hereditamentes, what soo euer they o[ur] any of theym myght coulde o[ur] oughte to haue hadde, of this acte hadde neuer bene hadde ne made. And fourthely, fo[ur] as moche as these fo[ur] sayde mooste abhomyable and detestable byghe treasons haue so moche touched the peryll of your most royall person, the danger and trouble of this your hole realme, and in respecte therof it were requisite that condigne punishment shulde be had and speedily p[ro]ouided fo[ur] the reste of theym, whyche yet haue not suffered, and not to be delayed no[ur] p[ro]tracted, to the ende o[ur] p[ro]rogation of this p[re]sent parliament, whiche is most chiefly callid and summonid fo[ur] other generall causes and matters fo[ur] the welthe of this realme: Therfo[re] your most humble and obedient subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temp[or]all, and comons in this p[re]sent parliament assembled, most humbly beseeche your most royall maiesty, that whā they, with one assent be agreed and accorde[d] vpon this act, fo[ur] that it shuld not be requisite to trouble your maiesty fo[ur] accesse in your mooste royall person to the vpper house, to assent to the same, no[ur] conuenient that your maiesties royall assent shuld be p[ro]tracted, to the ende o[ur] p[ro]rogation of this parliament, that than it may please your maiesty, fo[ur] example of speedy punishment of suche detestable and abhomyable treasons, to graunt your mooste royall assent to the said act, by your letters patentes to be signed with your most gracious hand, and to be put vnder your great seal of Englande, and so to be notified and published in the higher house to the lordes spirituall and temp[or]al, and your comons of this parliament there to be assembled fo[ur] that purpose, and after that to be and stande as a perfecte acte, and to be put in due execution accordingly with conuenient speede. And fiftly where also Agnes Dukes of Aozl, widow, and Katherine countesse of Bridgewater, wyfe of the ryght honorable Henry erle of Bridgewater, haue ben lausfully truly and accordingly to the lawes of this realme indited of misp[re]sion of high treason, fo[ur] the concealing of the fy[rs]t detestable and abhomyable treasons, and yet not arraigned no[ur] attaynted of the same, that they now may be by act of parliament conuicted and attainted of the same. And that seying the lord William Howarde the lady Margaret Howarde his wyfe, Edwarde walgraue, Katherine Clynny, Alice Restwold, Jane Bulmer, Anne Howard, Robert Dampson, William Clynny, Margaret Bennet, and William Sheby, were and be of the said misp[re]sion of high treason already conuicted & attaynted by the due course and order of the common lawes of this realme, as by the reco[r]des therof moze playnely at large appereth, that this theyr iuste conuiction and attayndour map

may also be approued by act of parliament. And that the said Agnes Duches of Nozff. Catherine countesse of Budgewater, lord wylliam Howard, lady Margaret Howard, Edward walgraue, Catherin Tplney, Alice Westwold, Jone Bulmer, Anne Howard, Robert Dampox, Halyn Tplney, Margaret Bennet, and wylliam Sheby and euery of them, shall lose and forseyte to your highnes al theyr goodes cattails leases for yeres, money plate Jewels and debtes, and haue imprisonment of theyr bodies durynge theyr lyues: And also that all theyr manours meases landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes shall be leased remayne and continue in to your maiesties handes durynge theyr natural lyues, if theyr titles and interestes so longe endure. And that your highnes shalbe answered of the rentes reuenues issues and profittes therof, from the fyrst day of Octobze, in the xxxiii. yere of your reygne, durynge theyr sayde lyues, if theyr titles and interestes so longe endure. Sauinge to all and euery person and persons and bodies politike, and to the heyrres successours and assignes of euery of them, other than the sayde Agnes Duches of Nozff. Katherine countesse of Budgewater, lord wylliam Howard, lady Margaret Howard, Edward walgraue, Katherine Tplney, Alice Westwold, Jone Bulmer, Anne Howarde, Robert Dampox, Halyn Tplney, Margaret Bennet, and wylliam Sheby, all suche right tytyle vse possession interestes fees offices rentes annuities commons and al other hereditamentes commodities and profittes, what soeuer they or any of them mought shulde or ought to haue had in or to the pmisses, if this act had neuer ben had ne made.

¶ Therfoze be it enacted by the kynges maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctorite of the same, that al thinges conteyned by expresse wordes in this theyr foresayd petition, concernynge or touchynge treasons or misprysions, or dependynge vpon them, or loynging to them, shal stand in full force of an act, accordyng to their most humble request and petition, any former act made to the contrary not withstandynge. ¶ And ensuyng the foresayd petition, concernynge the kynges royal assent to be done and had by the kynges letters patentes, to be assigned with the kynges hand, and sealed with his gret seale, as is aforesayde, and to auoyde all doubtes and ambiguyties hereafter touchynge the same: Be it declared by auctoritie of this present parliament, that the kynges royal assent, by his letters patentes vnder his great seale, and assigned with his hand, and declared and notified in his absence to the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and to the commons assembled together in the high house, is and euer was of as good strength and force, as though the kynges person had ben there personallie present, and had assented openly and publyhely to the same.

¶ And be it also enacted, that this royal assent and all other royal assentes hereafter to be so gyuen by the kynges of this realme, and notified as is aforesayde, shall be taken and reputed good and effectruall to all ententes and purposes without doubte or ambiguitie, any custome or vse to the contrary  
not



not withstandynge.

**¶** AND be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that all and every person or persons, whiche haue not only by theyr wordes spoken uttered and published, but also in theyr dedes done deuised and set forth by wytynges all that they coude for bypnyng this high treason of the sayd Queene and her complices to light, and also to seke and serche al due meanes for condign punishment to be had for these horrible and detestable treasons, mispyssions and offences afoze reherfed, or otherwise haue spoken detested and abhoyred her sayd abhominable offences, shall be clerely pardoned acquitted and discharged for the same agaynst the kynges highnes, his heires and successors for ever.

**¶** And although it were not conuenient, that suche a fredome and lybertie were gyuen to subiectes, without good grounde, they myght secretly mutur seditious slaunder openly defame theyr Queene and maistres: so also were it vnmete and daungerous to the surety of our soueraine lord and king (beyng a iuste cause) to be construed by any lawe, to kepe it and concele it from hym or some of his counsaile, whiche of duety bothe shulde and ought shortly after to notice the same vnto hym: Therfore be it enacted by the kynges maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporell, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, that it shall be lefull for any of the kynges subiectes and lieges, if they theym selves perfectly knowe, or by behement presumption may and do perceiue any wyll acte or condition of lightnes of body in her, whiche for the tyme beyng shall be Queene of this realme, that they may lawfully disclose the same vnto his maiestie, or some of his counsaile, whiche they thinke wyll disclose the same vnto his highnes, any act statute or lawe made to the contrary not withstandynge.

**¶** Prouided neuertheles that they shall not openly blowe it abroad, nor priuately whisper it in other folkes eares, whereby a slaunder myght rise of her tyll it be diuulged by the assent of his highnes or his counsaile.

**¶** And it is further enacted that if any of the sayde counsaile, beyng within the realme, do concele it, and not disclose it vnto his maiestie, or some of his counsaile, resident or attendaunt in that tyme on his royall person, by word or wytyng, within .xx. dayes after any of them shall heare of it, and if they be out of the realme, with as conuenient speede and diligence as they may: that than they to haue lyke punishment and forfayture, as the offendours shoulde. And in case the sayde counsaile or any of them doo here or perceiue any suche thyng as afoze is reherfed, that than it shall be lefull for them all or any of them, after notice therof gyuen to the kynges maiestie, to pynagyn seke and proue alwayes to theyr wittes possible, to bypnyng the matter and offence to true knowledge and light, and they so doyng to incurre no daunger of lawe or penaltie, any act or statute made heretofore to the contrary not withstandynge.

**¶** And furthermore be it enacted, for euityng of suche like haynous and abhominable treasons, in case it fortune epyther the kyng our soueraygne lord  
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that now is, or any of his successors hereafter being kynges of England, shoulde take a fanly to any woman, of what estate degree or condition so ever she be, eyther subiect or resiant within his domynious or realmes, in way of marriage, thynkyng and esteemyng her a pure and cleane mayde, whan in dede the pofe may or after shall appere contrary, eyther by due testimony or confession of the partie or parties, and yet she neuerthelesse wplyngely doo couple her selfe with her soueraygne lord and kyng in marriage, withoute playn declaration befoze of her vncle lfe unto his maiesty: that than euery suche offence shalbe deemed and adiudged high treason, and the offendour therein conuicte by the order of the lawe, shal haue and suffer suche peynes of deathe losses and forsaitures of landes tenementes goodes cattalles and dettes, as in cases of high treason.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that if any person, subiect or resiant within the realme, or in any the kynges dominions, hearyng say by honest repoyte, or haupng perfect knowledge, that such a woman beinge not chaste, shall mary with her soueraigne lord and kyng of this realme, to the daunger of his mooste royall person, and of his succession, and do not reuele and shewe the same offence to the kyng for the tyme beinge, or to one of his pryue counsaile, befoze suche marriage be had, if possibly and conueniently he maye, or elles within. xx. dayes nexte after that he shall haue certain knowledge of suche marriage: that then euery such offence shal be taken and deemed misprision of hyghe treason, and the offendours conuicte thereof by the order of the lawe, shall haue suche peynes and suffer suche losses and forsaitures, as in cases of misprision of hyghe treason.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that if the Queene or wife of the Prynce moue procure or styte any person by any wrytyng message woordes or tokens or other wyse for that purpose, to vse or to haue carnall knowledge with them: Or if any personne do moue procure or make meanes to the queene, or the wyfe of the prynce, to vse or haue carnall knowledge of them or any of them: that then as well the queene and the wyfe of the prynce so procuringe or carnally knowen, as euery other person procuringe as is aforesayde or carnally knowynge the queene, or the wyfe of the prynce, and theyr adours counsaillours and abettours, and euery of theym, shall be deemed and adiudged hyghe traytours, and beinge conuicte of suche offences, shall haue and suffer suche iudgemente peynes of deathe and forsaitures of landes goodes cattals and dettes, as in cases of hyghe treason.

¶ An acte concernynge the order of wardes and lyueries. Cap. xxi.



HERE in the parliament holden at Westm the. xxviii. day of Apryl, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord kyng Henry the eyght, by the grace of god kyng of England France and Irelande, defender of the fayth and of the church of Englande and also of Irelande in erthe the supreme head, and from thens



things adiourned to Westm aforesayde, by dyuerse prorogations, vntyll the  
xxv. daye of Maye, in the xxxi. yere of the reygne of our sayde soueraygne  
loꝛde, and then and there holden, amonges other thynges the kynges graces  
courte, called the courte of the kynges wardes, was then and there by aucto-  
ritie of the sayde parliament establisshed made and auctoꝛised in to a court of  
recoꝛde, as by an acte therof made in the sayde parliament moze playnely ap-  
pereth. To the whiche courte it semeth to the kynges maiestie to be necessa-  
ry and very expedient, to haue the liueries, whiche shall be sued within this  
his realme and other his dominions, incorpozated and vnited, and also al in-  
dentures cedules bondes and wytynges to be made in for and vpon liueries  
to be registred and enrolled in the sayde courte, beyng a courte of recoꝛde, to  
chintent that suche indentures cedules bondes and wytynges maye be there  
surely and certaynely knowen serched and vled, as well for the kyng as the  
partie, as case shall requyre. In consideration wherof, and for that it shall  
not onely be honozable and commodious to the kynges maiestie, to haue all  
the procedynges of the sayde liueries to be of recoꝛde, but also greatly to  
the comfoꝛte and prosyte of his graces subiectes, that shall make any serche  
for the same for his oꝛ theyꝝ commodities: The kynges highnes is therefore  
pleased and contented, that it be enacted by auctoꝛitie of this present parlia-  
ment, that the office of the maister oꝛ maisters of the liueries, with the circum-  
staunces therof, shall be vnited annexed and knyt vnto the sayde court of the  
kynges wardes: And that the auctoꝛitie and office to compoꝛnde for any ly-  
uieries with the procedynges therein, shall be from hencefoꝛth in the rule po-  
wer and gouernaunce of the sayde courte in maner and forme hereafter de-  
clared, any labe custome patent graunte oꝛ vsage heretofore had oꝛ vled to the  
contrary notwithstanding. And that the maister of the kynges wardes for  
the tyme beyng, whiche is the chiefe and principall heade officer of the same  
court, shall from hencefoꝛthe for euer be maister of the kynges wardes, and of  
the liueries, and that al other officers and ministers appoynted, oꝛ hereafter  
to be appoynted in the same court of the kynges wardes, by auctoꝛitie of the  
statute made of the erection of the same court, shall be called officers and mi-  
nisters of the kynges courte of his wardes and liueries.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoꝛitie aforesayde, that the kynges sayd high-  
nes, his heyr and successours from tyme to tyme, shall make name and ap-  
poynte one officer and minister of and in the sayde courte, whiche shall be cal-  
led the surueyout of the kynges liueries, and shall be the seconde person of  
the same courte. And that the attorney of the kynges wardes for the tyme be-  
yng, which by the sayd foꝛmer acte of the sayd courte of the kynges wardes,  
was appoynted to be the seconde person of the sayde courte, shall from hence-  
foꝛthe for euer stande and be the thyrde person of the sayde courte of the kyng-  
ges wardes and liueries. And all other officers and ministers of the sayde  
courte to be placed as is limited in the same foꝛmer acte.

¶ AND further be it enacted by auctoꝛitie afoꝛe sayde, that the kynges high-  
nes his heyr and successours maye from tyme to tyme make name and ap-  
poynte

poynit an apt person to be clerke of the sayde liveryes, whiche shall make all indentures cedules obligations and writynges of bargaynes hereafter to be made and graunted for any liveryes, and that done parte of the sayde indentures and cedules or other writynges indentured, necessary for the same, shall remaine with the partie or parties, and shall be sealed with the seale of the sayde maister of the wardes and liveryes, and of the sayde surueyour of the sayde liveryes. And that the same indentures obligations and the accomptes to be made upon the same, and every of them from henceforth shall be taken ordered and used, and also be of the same force strength and effecte, to all intentes and purposes, as the obligations indentures and accomptes be and ought to be by the sayde former acte. And that every suche person, whiche in fourme afoze sayd shalbe appoynted to be Surueyour of the sayde liveryes, shal take a corporall othe afoze the said maister of the kynges wardes and liveryes for the tyme beinge, after the tenour ensuyng.

Ye shall sweare that ye wel and trewely serve our soueraygne lord the king in the offyce of surueyour of his graces liveryes, and shall minister equal iustice to ryche and poore to the best of your power wytte and knowledge, and that you shall diligently procure al thinges whiche may honestly and iustely be to the kynges abuantage and profite, and to chaugmentatton of the right and prerogative of his graces crown, & from tyme to tyme deliuer with spede such as shal haue to do afoze you, and that you shal not take ne receaue of any person or persons any gyfte or reward in any case or matter dependyng or to depende in the sayd court of the kynges wardes, wherein the kynges highnes shall be partie, by reason wherof any prejudice losse hynderance or bitterness shall or may growe to the kynges highnes his heires or successours, so helpe you god and all saynctes.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritie afozesayde that the sayde clerke of the sayde liveryes shall take a corporall othe afoze the sayd maister of the wardes and liveryes for the tyme beinge, after the tenour hereafter ensuyng.

Ye shall sweare that you shall wel and trewely serve the kyng our soueraygne lord in your offyce of clerke of the liveryes, and trewely do and execute without delaye fraude or couyn all and every thyng and thynges, whiche you ought to do by reason of your sayde office, accordyng to the fourme and effecte of this present acte, so helpe you god and all saynctes.

AND that all liveryes whiche hereafter shall be sued out of the kynges graces handes his heires and successours, and out of the handes of any of theyn, of any Castelles, honours, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuerstions, remainders, or other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, shall be in the order suruey and governance of the sayd court of the kynges wardes and liveryes and of the ministers of the same.

¶ And be it enacted by auctoritie afoze sayde, that no person or persons havinge landes or tenementes aboue the yerely value of fyve poundes, shall haue or sue any liverye befoze inquisition or office found befoze the exchetour or other commissioner or commissioners, by vertue of the kynges writt or commission



mission to be directed out of the kynges chauncery or other courtes hauinge auctoritie to make suche wryttes or commissions for surynge of lieries, whiche wryttes or commissions shall not passe out of the Chauncery or any other courtes, but by a warrant or byll to be assigned and subscribed with the handes and names of the sayde maister Surueour attourney and receiuer or thre two or one of them, to be directed and deliuered to the Chauncellour of Englande, or to any other chauncellour or officer, hauinge power to awarde suche wryttes. And if the landes and tenementes, wherof any inquisition is to be had by vertue of any suche wrytte or commission exceede the perely value of. v. s. then suche as sue for suche wryttes or commissions, shall paye for the seale and wrytynge therof suche fees as hath ben accustomed. And if the sayde landes and tenementes, wherof any suche inquisitions and offices is to be founde by vertue of any suche wrytte or commission, exceede not the sayde perely value of. v. s. then suche as shall sue for suche wryttes or commissions, shall paye for the seale of custy of them. vi. d. and for the wrytynge vi. d. and not aboue.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all inquisitions and offices to be founde by vertue of any suche wryttes or commissions, shall be returned by the excheatours or commissioners, to whom suche wryttes or commissions shall be directed, into the sayde chauncery or into suche other courtes, from whense suche wryttes or commissions were awarded, in such maner and fourme, and vpon suche peynes as is limited by the lawes and statutes of the realme in suche cases. And that the clarkes of the petty bag shal receue suche offices, and make a transcript therof from tyme to tyme to the sayd maister of the wardes and lieries, in lyke maner and fourme as they are bounden and haue ben accustomed to do in to the kynges eschequer, & vpon suche peynes as be limited and appointed by the lawes and statutes of the realme in suche cases.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayd maister of the wardes and lieries, and the surueour attourney and generall receiuer of the sayde courte, or thre of them, wherof the sayde maister or surueour to be one, shall haue power and auctoritie by vertue of this present acte, after suche offices and inquisitions founde as is aforesayde, to couenaunt and indent with euery person and persons for his and theys liery of the castels manours lordshippes landes tenementes and hereditamentes compysed or not compysed in such offices, and to make and set the rate and pryce for the same, and to appointe and stal the dayes of payment therof by obligation or obligations to be taken for the same to the kyng out soueraygne lord. whiche obligation and obligations so made and euery of theym, shall be good and effectuell in the lawe, and shall be of lyke auctoritie and strengthe as obligations to be taken by auctoritie of the same courte of the kynges wardes be of, by vertue of the sayde former acte. And that all and synghular bylles for any speciall or generall liery to be sued assigned by the handes of the sayd maister surueour attourney receiuer or thre of theym, wherof the sayde

maister

maſter oꝝ ſuruepour to be one, ſhal be a good and ſufficient warrant as wel to the Chauncellour of Englande, as to the Chauncellour of the Duchy of Lancaſter, and to all other Chauncellours and officers, hauinge power to paſſe lpueries vnder any of the kynges ſeales, foꝝ the makynge out ſealynge and deliuerie of any lpueries accordynge to the tenour purpoſe and effecte of ſuche bylles, with other claules of courſe neceſſary foꝝ the ſame, any lawe oꝝ cuſtome to the contrary hereof not withſtandynge.

**¶** Provided alwaie and be it enacted by auctoritie afoꝛeſayde, that the loꝛde Priuie ſeale, the loꝛde great Chaumberlayne, the kynges chiefe and pꝛincipall ſecretaries, the maſter of the Rolles, & the kynges clarkes of the ſignet & priuie ſeale, the clarkes of the petty bag, and all and euery other officer and officers, and clarkes in the Chauncery oꝝ elles where in any other courtes, where ſuche lpueries ſhall paſſe, ſhall haue and be payed all ſuche theyꝝ fees as hath ben accuſtomed: all whiche fees ſhall be receyued and payed by the handes of the clarkes of the petty bag, if the lpuery be ſued in the Chauncery, oꝝ by other Clarkes, by whoſe handes liueries ſhalbe wꝛitten in other courtes, any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof not withſtandynge.

**¶** And it is further enacted by auctoritie afoꝛeſayde, that euery perſon and perſons from henſtoꝛth may ſue at theyꝝ pleaſure a generall lpuerie foꝝ any manours landes tenementes rentes reuerſions remainders oꝝ other hereditamentes, wherof the clere perely value ſhal not excede .xx. li. after office therof by wꝛyt oꝝ comiſſion founde returned and certiſied as is afoꝛeſayd.

**¶** Provided alwaies that no ſuch liuery ſhal paſſe oꝝ be ſued without a byll oꝝ warrant to be fꝛſt obtained foꝝ the ſame from the ſayd maſter of the warres and liueries, and the ſaid ſuruepour attourney and general receiuour oꝝ thꝛe of them, and ſigned and ſubſcribed with the names and handes of the ſayd maſter ſuruepour attourney and general recepuour oꝝ thꝛe of them, as is afoꝛeſayde.

**¶** And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie afoꝛe ſayde, that if the manours landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes, wherof a generall liuery may be ſued by auctoritie of this acte, excede the clere perely value of. v. li. that then ſuche as ſhall ſue and haue ſuche generall liuery foꝝ any manours landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes, excepyng the clere perely value of. v. li. ſhall paye foꝝ the ſeale therof. xx. s. iiii. d. and all other ſuche fees as heretofore in ſuche caſes hath ben accuſtomed in and vpon the ſuinge of any generall liueries. And if the landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes, wherof any ſuche generall lpuery ſhall be ſued, excede not the clere perely value of. v. li. that then euery perſon and perſones, ſuinge foꝝ any generall lpuery foꝝ any landes tenementes rentes reuerſions remainders oꝝ other hereditamentes, not excepyng the clere perely value of. v. li. ſhall paye ſuche fees as hereafter ſoloweth and none other: That is to ſay, foꝝ the ſeale of euery ſuche lpuery. xii. d. And to the clarkes of the petty bag foꝝ the wꝛytinge and entollyng therof. xx. d. And foꝝ the reſpite of homage in the hanapar. viii. d. And to the loꝛde great Chaumberlayne. xx. d. And to the maſter of the Rolles. xi. d.



# ANNO. XXXIII.

And to the clarke of the lyueries for the warrante and entrollynge of the lyuerie. xx. d.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that no person or persones shall pay in the kynges Eschequer or any other courtes for the respite of homage, of or for any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof the clere perely value exceedeth not. v. li. aboue. viii. d. And for the entrynge therof and warrant of attourney aboue. iiii. d. And that the value of suche manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes not exceedinge the perely value of. xx. li. shall be taken as it is limited in the offices founden therof, except by the examination and certificate of the sayde maister of the wardes and liueries, and the sayd surueyours attourney and generall recepuour or thre of them as is aforesayde, it shall otherwys appere and be declared in any of the kynges courtes.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all and every such person and persons, whiche shall be named and certified in to the kynges chancery by the lord Treasorer of Englande, to be Eschetour, shall within one moneth nexte after his letters patentes shall be offered vnto hym, take vpon hym the execution of the same office, or elles appere in the sayde Eschequer, and shewe a reasonable cause why he ought not so to do. And if any such person so named and certified to be Eschetour, doo not appere as is aforesayde within one moneth next after notyce to hym gyuen as is aforesayd, nor shew any reasonable cause why he ought not to do the same: that then he shall lose and forsaite for every suche defaulte. xx. li. to the kyng our soueraygn lord to be leuied to his maiesties vse in any his highnes courtes of Recorde.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that no Eschetour after the fyrst daye of May nexte commynge, shall sytte onely by vertue of his offyce for inquiry of the tenure tyle or value of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, where the same landes tenementes or hereditamentes ben of the value of. v. li. by the pere or aboue, and holden of the kyng, without the kynges writ to be directed to hym for the same, vpon peyne to lose and forsaite for every tyme that he shall sit and make inqury contrary to the fourme of this estatute. v. li. Nor that any Eschetour shall take for the syndyng of any offyce of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, that shall not exceede the clere perely value of. v. li. aboue the summe of. xv. s. That is to saye for the exchetours fee. vi. s. viii. d. and for the wytyng of the offyce. iiii. s. iiii. d. and for the charges of the iury. iiii. s. And for the officers and ministers that shall receyue the sayd office in any court of recorde. ii. s. vpon peyne that every Eschetour offendynge this acte shall lose and forsaite for every tyme so offendynge. v. li. And that the officers and ministers of every courte of Recorde, where such inquisitions shalbe returned, being offered vnto them within one moneth nexte after the syndyng therof, shall receyue and take the same, vpon peyne to lose and forsaite for every tyme offendynge this act. v. li. The one moptye of all whiche forsaiture aforesayde shall be to the kyng our souerayne lord, & the other mopty therof to the party that wyl sue for the same in any

in any of the kynges courtes of recoꝝde, in whiche suite the defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, noꝝ any pꝛotectiõ oꝝ essoyne shalbe allowed.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctoꝝitie aforesayde, that if the sayde suruey-our of the liueries, oꝝ the clerke of the same, do wyllyngly withdꝛaw oꝝ concele any recoꝝde oꝝ pꝛofit, that shulde come oꝝ growe to the kynges maiestie his heyres oꝝ successours, by reason of the same: that then he oꝝ they so offendynge shall lose to the kyng our souerayne loꝝde his heyres and successours the double value of the thyng so concealed oꝝ withdꝛawen, the same to be leui-ued and recovered agaynst such persons so offendynge vpon an information thereof to be made by the partie grieved. And the same bulve pꝛoued in the same court of the wardes and liueries.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoꝝitie aforesayde, that the sayd maister foꝝ the tyme beinge shall haue power and auctoꝝitie to take recognisaunces of all and euery personne and persones, that shall be called into the court of the wardes and liueries, to answer to any matter alleged agaynst them in the sayde court, to make there dayly apparaunce in the sayde court, to answer to suche matter as to them then and there from tyme to tyme shalbe alleged. And that all such recognisaunces, of what summe so euer they be, shall be as good and effectuell in the law to al intentes and purposes, as recogni- saunces taken in the kynges high court of chauncery oꝝ elles where befoꝝe any iudge of recoꝝde within this realme. And that the sayde maister foꝝ the tyme beinge, with the aduise of the court, oꝝ of such number of the same, as then shalbe pꝛesent, so that they be two helydes the sayd maister, shall haue full power and auctoꝝitie to moderate suche recognisaunces as be oꝝ shall be there foꝝsapted, and to set fynes foꝝ the same to the kynges vse, vnder the summes conteyned in the sayde recognisaunces: The same fynes to be leui- ed by lyke pꝛoces of *Scire facias*, as by the statute made in the. xxvii. yere of our souerayne loꝝde the kynges reygne is gꝛuen to the chauncellour of the court of augmentation of the reuenues of his graces crowne. And that the said maister foꝝ the tyme beinge, with the aduise aforesayde, shall haue po- wer and auctoꝝitie to commit to warde any person oꝝ persons foꝝ his oꝝ theyꝝ disobedience contempt oꝝ other offence made oꝝ to be made, triable within the kynges sayd court of the wardes and liueries, and vpon the sayde matters oꝝdered oꝝ decreed there, to deliuer them frome pꝛyson, and to cancell and make voyde all recognisaunces and obligatiõs taken oꝝ hereafter to be ta- ken in the same court to the kynges vse, when and as often as the sayd mai- ster, with the aduise of the sayd court oꝝ thye of them, shall se and perceyue the mattiers and causes, foꝝ the whiche any suche recognisaunce oꝝ obliga- tion hath oꝝ hereafter shall happen to be taken, to be finished and ended, and the kynges grace his heyres oꝝ successours, oꝝ the party therupon satisfied without any other warraunt foꝝ the same.

¶ And be it further enacted that all and euery suche heyre and heyres, which hereafter shall be in case to sue lyuery, where the landes and tenementes of the sayde heyre oꝝ heyres excede not the petely value of. v. li. that then euery



suche heyze shall lawfully sue forth his general livery by warrant to be made and hadde from the sayde court of the kynges wardes and livers, as afore sayde, althoughe there be none other inquisition or inquisitions therof then had ne certified, and that this acte shall be warrant sufficiente as well to the Chauncellour of England, Chauncellour of the duchy of Lancaster, and to all other Chauncellours and officers of the kynges courttes, having power to passe liversies vnder any the kynges scales, for the makynge out sealinge and delivry of any liversies accordynge to the tenour purposse and effect of suche bylles, with other clauses of couthe necessary for the same, takynge for the fees of everie suche liverye, as is before expessed for the fees of generall liversies, not exceedynge the verely value of. v. li. as though the same liverye were made and sued forth vpon an office found by vertue of the kynges writt, any lawe heretofore made or other thinge in this present acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctoritie afore sayde, that all and every person and persons, to whom the kynges highnes shall graunt any liverye in fourtine afore sayde, to be sued vpon his byll assigned therof with the kynges most gracious hand, or with the handes of the officers of his graces court of the wardes and liversies, as before is expessed, sue forthe his patente within thre monethes nexte after the assignement of the sayde byll, or els the same byll and the effecte therof to be utterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Provided alwayes and be it enacted by auctoritie afore sayde, that the clerkes of the petty bag in the Chauncery shall not be compelled to certifie any transcript of any office in to the kynges Exchequer but slyle in the pere, that is to saye: They shall certifie the transcriptes of all offices founden and returned into the Chauncery betwene Easter and saynte Michell the archangel verely in the tyme of S. Michell: And the transcriptes of al offices founden and returned into the said chauncery betwene Whelmas and Easter, they shall certifie into the sayde Exchequer verely in the tyme of easter, and not other wyse, any thyng conteyned in this statute, or in any other statute heretofore made to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ Provided alwayes, that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, shall in any wyse extende to be prejudiciall or hurtfull to any royaltes liberties franchises privileges preeminences and iurisdiccions of the countie Palantyne and duchy of Lancaster, or of any of them, but that the same royaltes liberties franchises privileges preeminences and iurisdiccions and every of them, shall still contynue and remayne to the countie Palantyne and Duchy of Lancaster, as fully plenarly and holly as they dyd before the makynge of this acte, any thyng in the same acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

In act

**I**n acte to procede by a commission of Oyer and Determiner agaynst  
such persons as shall confesse treason. &c. without remain-  
dyng the same to be tried in the Wyre where the of-  
fence was committed. Cap. xxii.



**H**ORASMOCHE as divers and sundry persons upon great  
groundes of vehement suspicions, as well of highe treason  
petty treason and misprisions of treason, as of murders, be  
many tymes sent for frome divers the Wyres and places of  
this realme, & other the kynges domynions, to the kynges  
maiesties great charges and expences, to be examined before  
the kynges highnes counsell upon theyr offences, to thintent that conviction  
or declaration of suche persons shuld speedily ensue, as the merites of theyr  
cases shuld require. And albeist that after great trauayle taken in the exami-  
nations of such persons it appere to the sayde counsell by confession wytnes  
or vehement suspecte, that suche persones be rather gylty of suche offences,  
wherof they be so examined, than otherwys: yet neuerthelesse suche offen-  
dours so examined, by the course of the common lawe of this realme muste  
be indited within the Wyres or places where they committed theyr offences,  
and also tried by the inhabitantes or freholders of suche Wyres and places,  
alchough by theyr confessions or by sufficient wytnes theyr offences be certai-  
nly knownen to the kynges counsell, by reason wherof, besyde the trauayle and  
perpnes of the kynges maiesties counsell in such cases, the kynges highnes is  
oftentymes put to great charges and expences, in remaundyng suche per-  
sons to the countreys where they offended, there to be indited and tryed of  
theyr offences. And sometyme the inhabitantes and freholders of the Wy-  
res or places, where suche offences were done, be compellyd to appere out of  
theyr Wyres and places for suche causes, to theyr great charges, for the triall  
or declaration of suche offences: And sometyme by occasion of the charges  
for remaundyng of suche offendours to be indited and tryed by the course  
of the common lawe, suche offendours lye styll in pryson and be forgotten,  
wherby many tymes by helpe of theyr confederates they escape unpunished,  
to the great courage and euill example of euill doers. Be it therfore enacted  
by the kyng our soueraigne lord, and by the assent of the lordes spirituall  
and temporell, and the comunys of this present parliament assembled, and  
by auctorite of the same, that if any person or persons, being examined be-  
fore the kynges counsell or thye of them, upon any maner of treasons mispry-  
sons of treasons or murders, do confesse any such offences, or that the sayd  
counsell or thye of them, upon such examination, shall thynke any person so  
examined, to be vehemently suspected of any treason misprisions of treasons  
or murder: that than in euery suche case by the kynges commandement, his  
maiesties commission of oyer and terminer, vnder his highnes great seale,  
shalbe made by the Chancellour of Englande to suche persons, and into su-  
che Wyres or places, as shalbe named and apoynted by the kynges highnes



for the speedy triall conviction oꝝ deliveraunce of suche offendours, whiche commissioners shal have power and auctoritie to enquire here and determine all suche treasons misprisions of treasons and murders. within the shires and places limited by theiꝝ commission by suche good and lawfull persons as shalbe retourned before them by the shyreffe oꝝ his mynistre, oꝝ any other having power to retorne writtes and proces for that purpose, in what so ever other shyre oꝝ place within the kynges dominions oꝝ without, suche offences of treasons misprisions of treasons oꝝ murders soo examined, were done oꝝ committed, and that in suche cases no chalenge for the shyre oꝝ hundredre shal be allowed.

**¶** Provided that vppon the triall of suche treasons misprisions of treasons and murders, the chalenge to any iuror for lacke of frehold of the pecylye value of .xl.s. shal be allowed as hath ben accustomed.

**¶** Provided also that if any the peeres of the realme shal happen to be ended of any of the offences aforesayd by vertu of any such commission to be granted by auctoritie of this act, yet neverthelesse they shal have theiꝝ triall by peeres in lyke maner and forme as heretofore hath ben used, any thyng in this act conteyned, oꝝ any thyng to be done by vertue thereof in any wise not withstanding. And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that peremptory chalenge shal not from henceforth be admitted oꝝ allowed in any cases of high treason, noꝝ misprision of high treason.

**¶** An acte that no man shal be Justice of Assise in his owne countrey. Cap. xxiii.

**W**HERE in the parlyament holden in the .viii. yere of kyng Rycharde the seconde it was enacted ordeyned and established, that no man lerned in the lawes of this realme, shulde from thenceforth be iustice of assise in the countrey where he dwelleth: And that the chiefe iustice of the common place shulde be from thenceforth assigned amonge other iustices to the takinge of the sayd assises, but as the chiefe iustice of the kynges benche there shuld be doone and used, as hath ben used for the most part by the space of one hundred yeres next before as by the sayd act moze at large it both and may appere. Whys the makinge of whiche sayd good act and lawe dyvers iustices and men lerned in the lawes of this realme, have by theiꝝ owne meanes industry and policy, and for theiꝝ owne commoditie and ease, obteyned contrary to the forme of the sayd act, to be iustices of assises in the countreys and counties where they were borne, oꝝ were inhabiting, wherby some gelacy of theiꝝ affection and favour towarde theiꝝ kynsmen allyance and frendes within the sayd countreys oꝝ counties, where they were so borne oꝝ inhabiting, hath bene conceived and had agaynst them by the kynges most loving subiectes of the same countreys and counties. For reformation wherof, the kynges moste loving subiectes, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, most humbly besech  
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and desyre the kynges maiesty, and that it be enacted by the kynges maiesty, with the assente of the lordes spiritual and tempoꝝ all, and the commons in this pꝛesent parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that no iustice nor other man lerned in the lawes of this realme, shal at any tyme from oꝝ after the feast of Easter next commynge, vse nor exercise the office of iustice of assise within any countie wher the sayd iustice was boꝝne oꝝ dothe inhabite, vpon payne to foꝛsaite foꝛ euery offence done contrary to the fourme of this pꝛesent act one hundred poides, the moſte wherof to be to our souerain lord the kyng, and the other moꝛtie therof to be to the partie that wille sue foꝛ the same in any of the kynges courtes by byll pꝛapnt information action of debt, oꝝ otherwaie, in the whiche suite no pꝛotectiō cloyne nor wager of lawe shalbe admitted nor allowed.

**¶** Provided alway and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this acte oꝝ any thyng herein conteyned shal not extende be construed oꝝ interpretate to touche oꝝ concerne any person oꝝ persons, that now be oꝝ here after shalbe clerke oꝝ clerkes of assises, and shalbe associate to any Justice of assise, of oꝝ in any countie citie oꝝ town within this realme of England, where in the same person oꝝ persons clerke oꝝ clerkes so associate, do dwelle oꝝ were boꝝne, but that all and euery clerke and clerkes of assises, whiche now doo exercise oꝝ occupy, oꝝ here after shal exercise oꝝ occupy any office of clerkship of assises, shal and maye exercise and occupy the same in any countie cty oꝝ towne, wherein the same clerke oꝝ clerkes of assises doo dwelle oꝝ were boꝝne, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandinge.

**¶** Provided also that these termes, Justices of assises, oꝝ other persons lerned in the lawes of the realme, shal not extend oꝝ in any wyse be interpretate to any mayors mynisters recordeꝝ stewardes baylyffes seintwits oꝝ other officers, being boꝝne oꝝ dwelling within any citie borough oꝝ towne within this realme of Englande, but that they may be iustices of assises, of shewe foꝛce, oꝝ of other assises in the same citie borough oꝝ towne, where he oꝝ they doo oꝝ shal dwell, oꝝ were boꝝne, as they oꝝ any of them befoꝛe this tyme haue oꝝ myght haue ben to all ententes and purposes, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandinge.

**¶** Provided alway, that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, shal be pꝛiudiciall to any iustice oꝝ iustices of the one bench oꝝ the other, foꝛ taking heyring oꝝ determining assises in the sayd courtes in the one benche oꝝ the other, nor to any iustice that shal take any assise by oꝝ vpon adiournement foꝛ difficultie of the same.

**¶** Provided alway and be it enacted that any clerke of assise, durynge the onely tyme of the session, of oꝛ foꝛ any assise oꝝ assises, oꝝ of oꝛ foꝛ any Assysins, shal not be of counsell with any person oꝝ persons within any circuite wherof he shal be clerke of assise, otherwaie than to that office onely appertapneth, vpon payne to foꝛsaite foꝛ euery tyme offendynge contrary to this estatute. x. li. the one moꝛtie therof to be to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the other moꝛtie to the partie greued, to be sued in any of the kynges courtes of



res of recoꝛde by action of debte, bylle, playnte, information, oꝛ otherwise, in whiche suite no essopne pꝛotection wazer of lawe oꝛ other dilatoꝛy plea shalbe admitted oꝛ allowed.

**¶** Provided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie abovesayd, that this act, oꝛ any thyng therein conteyned, extende not vnto the iustices iustice clerkes oꝛ clerke of assises, within our soueraygne loꝛde the kynges duchy and countrey palatynne of Lancaster, noꝛ to any of them that now be oꝛ hereafter shall be, but that the same iustices iustice clerkes and clerke, and euery of them, shall and maye execute theꝝ offices and euery of them, in suche maner and forme as they oꝛ any of them haue used to do before the makynge of this present acte, this act oꝛ any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary thereof notwithstandinge.

**¶** In acte for the makynge fre certayne children borne beyonde the sea, and to put the same children in the nature of were englyshemen. Cap. xxx.



Where Thomas Dornes of London grocer, occupieng the seate of marchandys in the partes beyonde the sea, married there a woman of that countrey borne, and had by her in laful matrimony byuers children yet liuyng, whiche intende by goddis grace to be the kynges fapthfull and obedient subiectes, where also Wylliam Castelyn of London mercer, occupieng in the partes of Aquant, within the cite of Chio in Grecia, toke to his wife one Angeleta, doughter of Michael Willacho of the same cite, and had by her in laful matrimony a sonne calld Edward pet liuyng, whiche lykewyse intendeth by goddis grace to be the kynges fapthfull and obedient subiecte. And where also John Dymocke, late one of the gentylmen vthers of the kynges moste honorable chamber, was in the parties beyonde the sea, that is to wytte in Andwarpe in the county of Brabant, about the kynges assayres, and there toke to his wyfe Beatrice, doughter of one John van Clene, and hadde by her in laful matrimony a sonne called John Dymocke pet liuyng, whiche intendeth (god wyllynge) to be the kynges fapthfull and obedient subiecte: Wherfoze be it enacted and established by the kynges highnes, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that as welles the sayde John Dymocke, the sonne of John Dymocke, and Edward Castelyn, as all the sayde children of the sayde Thomas Dornes nowe borne and euerye of theym, shall be from hencefoꝛthe reputed and taken the kynges naturall subiectes, as laful persones borne within this realme of Englande, and as fre persones, to all intentes constructions and pourposes, as if they and euerye of them hadde bene borne within this realme of Englande, and also shall frome hencefoꝛth by the sayde auctoritie, be enabled and admydded able to all intentes constructions and purposes, as well

to demaunde challenge haue and enioye landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as heire or heires to any of his or theyr auncestours, by reason one lyfe of any discent righte or title, whiche after the xvj. daye of this parliament shall discente accue come or growe vnto them or to any of theym, and to haue and enioy landes tenementes and hereditamentes by way of purchase or gfft of any person or persons, as also for to prosecute and defende all maner of actions and suites, and all other lafull thynges what so euer to do as lyberally frankely lafully surely and freely, as if they and euery of them had bene naturally bozne within this realme of Englande, and as any other person or persons naturally bozne within this realme of Englande may lafully do, any lawe act statute custome or dynaunce or other thynges what so euer had made done ordeyned proclaymed or provided to the contrary hereof in any wyse not withstandinge.

**I**n acte to make frustrate certayne conueyances deuysed by  
 by John Shelton. Cap. xxi.



**H**ERE by John Shelton knyght deceased, beyng a man of great possessions in his lyfe tyme, by the aduise of synister counsell practised deuysed and made by couayne diuers crafty deedes estates and other conueyances in the lawe, as well vnto hym selfe as to other personnes, of and in his manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes in the counties of Norfolke and Suffolke, not onely to the intente to disceyue and exclude the kynges maiestie of his primer seison prerogatiue wardshipp and rightes of and in the pmisses, but also to thintente to dysceyue and exclude the nobles and other the kynges loupnge subiectes of theyr wardshipp reliefes and such lyke seruike, as shulde accue growe and come vnto them by reason of theyr tenures in the pmisses, that is to wytte, The sayde by John Shelton, by his dede indented, bearyng date the xvj. daye of December, in the xxxi. yere of the reygne of our soueraygne lord kyng Henry the. viii. byd infeoffe of and in dyuers of his manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes in the sayd counties of Norfolke and Suffolke, one John Wynnes, to haue vnto hym and to his heyres vpon condition, that the same John Wynnes with in xvj. dayes then next ensuing shuld by his dede indented gyue the same manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes to the sayde by John Shelton and his assignes for terme of. lxxxix. yeres, then nexte folowynge, without impechement of waste, the remaynder therof after the same terme ended to Rauffe Shelton gentylman, sonne and heyre apparant of John Shelton esquyre, sonne and heyre of the sayd by John Shelton, and to the heires males of the body of the sayde Rauffe Shelton gentylman lafully begotten: and for defaute of suche issue the remaynder therof to the heyres males of the body of the sayd by John Shelton lafully begotten, with diuerse other remaynders ouer, as by the sayd dede indented amonges other thynges ther  
 in con-



conteyned moze playnely is shewed & may appere. And also the said sy<sup>r</sup> John Shelton, by one other dede indented beynge date the sayde fiftene day of September, in the sayd. xxi. yere of our sayde soueraygne lord the kynges reigne, dyd gyue dyuerse other of his manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes to the sayd John Wynnes, to haue vnto hym and to his heyres vpon condition, that the sayd John Wynnes within fiftene days then next folowynge shulde by his dede indented gyue the same manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes to dame Anne then wyfe of the said sir John Shelton for terme of her lyfe, the remaynder therof after her decease to the sayde sy<sup>r</sup> John Shelton for terme of his lyfe, without impechement of waste, and after his decease the remaynder therof to the sayde John Shelton esquier, without impechement of waste, for terme of. lx. yeres (if he soo longe lyued) and after the same terme determined, the remainder therof to the said Raufe Shelton gentilman, and to the heyres males of his body lausfully begotten, and for defaulte of such issue the remainder therof to the heyres males of the body of the sayde sir John Shelton lausfully begotten, with dyuerse other remaynders ouer. And mozeouer the sayde sy<sup>r</sup> John Shelton by the same his dede indented dyd gyue dyuers other of his manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes in the sayde counties of Nozfolke and Suffolke, to the sayde John Wynnes, to haue vnto hym and to his heyres and assignes for euer vpon condition that the same John Wynnes, within. xv. days then next folowynge, shuld by his dede indented gyue the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes to the sayd dame Anne for terme of. lxxxix. yeres, then nexte folowynge, and if the sayde dame Anne shoulde fortune to dye within the same terme, thenne the remaynder therof to the sayd sir John Shelton his executours and assignes during the residue of the same terme, and after the same terme ended, then the same p<sup>r</sup>emysse to remayne to the sayde Raufe Shelton gentilman, and to the heyres males of his body lausfully begotten, and for defaulte of suche issue the remaynder thereof to the heyres males of the body of the sayde sy<sup>r</sup> John Shelton lausfully begotten, with dyuers other remaynders ouer, as by the same dede indented amonges other thynges therein conteyned moze playnely is shewed and maye appere. And as it appereth as well by wrytyng as otherwyle, the sayde John Wynnes after that by his seuerall dedes indented, bearinge date in the sayde moneth of September, executed seuerall estates of and in all and syngular the p<sup>r</sup>emysse, acco<sup>r</sup>dyng to the sayde seuerall dedes of feoffement with conditions therein conteyned. And moze ouer the sayde sy<sup>r</sup> John after that declared his laste wyll of and in the p<sup>r</sup>emysse for and to thintente aforesayde. All whiche matters after the deathe of the sayde sy<sup>r</sup> John Shelton, beynge reueled vnto the kynges most roiall maiestie, was by his graces commaundemente delyberately examined befoze the lordes of his moste honozable counsell, befoze whom vpon the examination therof it playnly appered, as well by the confessions of the parties and deupfours of the same wrytynges and dedes, as otherwyle, that the said dedes estates wyl & other conuicances, made in the lyfe

lyfe of the sayde sy<sup>r</sup> John Shelton, were deuised had and made by coueyn, for and to thintent aforesayd, by reason wherof the said John Shelton esquier sonne and heyre of the said sy<sup>r</sup> John Shelton, being aboue the age of .xxi. yeeres, at the tyme of the death of his sayd father, dyd sue a speciall luyery out of the kynges maiesties handes, of and in all the sayde manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as heyre vnto the sayd sy<sup>r</sup> John his father, as of recorde moze playnly appereth. For the playne declaration of the aduoydng and adnichilatyng of the sayd crafty and boyde dedes estates wyl and conueyances, deuised by fraude and coueyne as is aforesayd: Be it ordeyned established and enacted by the auctoritie of this present parlyament, that all and synghular the sayd dedes estates wyl and other conueyances had and made as is aforesayd, and the possessions and luyery of season therupon made and delpuered accordyngly, and also al and synghular gyses grauntes remainders reuertions articles clauses and wordes in theyn and euerye of them conteyned, be demed and adiudged clerely boyde and of none effecte, to all intentes constructions and purposes. And that the sayd sy<sup>r</sup> John Shelton, by the auctoritie of this present parlyment, be demed reputed & adiudged in actual and real possession at the tyme of his deathe, of and in al & synghular the sayd manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, of the same o<sup>r</sup> like estate of inheritance, as if no such dede o<sup>r</sup> dedes estates wyl o<sup>r</sup> other coueyances had neuer ben had o<sup>r</sup> made, and also of the same estate of inheritance, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes were in the sayde sy<sup>r</sup> John Shelton at o<sup>r</sup> before the makyng of the sayd seuerall dedes estates wyl and other conueyances, the sayd dedes estates wyl and conueyances o<sup>r</sup> any of them, o<sup>r</sup> any thyng in them o<sup>r</sup> any of them conteyned to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

**W**hrouded alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this act o<sup>r</sup> any thyng therein conteyned, be not in any wyse prejudiciall o<sup>r</sup> hurtful vnto the sayd dame Anne Shelton, for o<sup>r</sup> concernyng any manours landes tenementes o<sup>r</sup> hereditamentes assigned o<sup>r</sup> appoynted sythen the deathe of the sayd sy<sup>r</sup> John vnto the same dame Anne onely for terme of her life, by reason of a warde made by the high and myghty prince Thomas duke of Norffolk, lord Treasourer of England, o<sup>r</sup> by any couenant bonde o<sup>r</sup> agreement had o<sup>r</sup> made by the sayd John Shelton esquier sythen the deth of the sayd sy<sup>r</sup> John Shelton, any thyng in this act conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

**A**n acte for leases of hospitals colleges, & other corporations to be good and effectuell with the consent of the moze partye. Cap. xxvii.



**A**LBEIT that by the comon lawes of this realme of Englande, all assentes elections grauntes and leases, had made and graunted by the deane wardeyn prouost maister presidente o<sup>r</sup> other gouernour of any cathedrall churche hospitall college o<sup>r</sup> other corporation, by what so euer name they be incorporate o<sup>r</sup> founded, with



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with the assent and consent of the more or greater parte of theyr chapter fel-  
lowes or byetherne of suche corporation, hauinge voices of assent therunto  
be as good and effectuell in the law to the grauntees and lessees of the same,  
as if the residue or the hole number of suche chapter felowes and byetherne  
of suche corporation hauinge voices of assent, had therunto consented and  
agreed: Yet the sayd common lawes not withstandynge byuers founders of  
such deaneries hospitalles colleges and corporations within this said realme  
haue vpon the foundation and establisshment of the same deaneries hospi-  
talles colleges and other corporations establisshed and made amonges other  
theyr peculiar actes, locall statutes and ordynaunces, that if any one of such  
corporation, hauing power or auctoritie to assent or disassent, shuld and wold  
deny any such graunt or grauntee, that then no suche lease election or graunt  
shuld be had graunted or leased, and for the perfovrnace of the same euery  
person hauinge power of assent to the same, haue ben and be dayly therunto  
sworne, and so the residue may not procede to the perfection of suche elections  
grauntes and leasses, accordyng to the course of the common lawes of this  
realme, oneles they shuld incurre the daunger of perjury. For the aduoyding  
wherof, and for the due execution of the common law vniuersally within this  
realme and euery place in one conformity of reason to be vsed: Be it ordeined  
establisshed and enacted by the auctoritie of this present parlyament, that al  
and euery peculiar act order rule and estatute heretofore made, or hereafter  
to be made by any founder or founders of any hospital colledge deanry or o-  
ther corporation, at or vpon the foundation of any such hospital college dean-  
ry or corporation, wherby the graunt lease gyfte or election of the gouernour  
or ruler of such hospital college deanry or other corporation, with the assente  
of the more part of suche of the same hospitall college deanry or corporation,  
as haue or shall haue voyce of assent to the same, at the tyme of suche graunt  
lease gyft or election hereafter to be made, shuld be in any wyse hyndered or  
let by any one or mo being the lesser number of suche corporation, contrarie  
to the fourme order and course of the common lawe of this realme of En-  
glande, shalbe from henceforth clerely frustrate voyd and of none effect. And  
that all othes heretofore taken by any person or persons of such hospital col-  
lege deanry and other corporation, shalbe for and concernyng the obseruance  
of any suche order estatute or rule, demed voyde and of none effect. And that  
from henceforth no maner person or persons of any suche hospitall colledge  
deanry or other corporation, shalbe in any wyse compellyd to take any othe  
for the obseruyng of any suche order estatute or rule, vpon the peyn of euery  
persone gyuyng suche othe, to forsaite for euery tyme so offendynge. v. li.  
the one moptye therof to be to the vse of our soueraygne lord the kyng, and  
the other moptye therof to any of the kynges subiectes, whiche wylle sue for  
the same, in any of the kynges courtes of recoorde by action of debte, bylle,  
playnt, information or other wyse, wherin the defendant shal not be admitted  
to wage his lawe, nor any protection nor essoyne, or any other dilatorie pleas  
admytted or allowed.

In act

An acte for the chauncellour of the duchy of Lancaster, the chauncellour of the augmentations, and certayne other noble men to receyve chapleyns. Cap. xxviii.



WHERE in the parlyament holden at Westm, in the. xxi. yere of your most gracious reygne, it was amonges other thinges ordeyned and provided, that certayn honorable persons and other of your highnes counsellours and officers, as well spirituall as tempozall, shoulde and moughte have chapleyns beneficed with cure, to serve and attende vpon them in theyr houses, whiche chapleyns shal not incurre the daungier of anye penaltie or forfayture made or declared in the same parlyament, for none residence vppon theyr sayde benefices, or for obteynnyng lycences for dispensations of pluralities, in which act is no provision made for any the head officers of your graces severall courtes of your duchy of Lancaster, the courtes of augmentations of the reuenues of your highnes crowne, the fyrst frutes and tenthes, the maister of your maiesties wardes and lieries, the generall surueyors of your graces landes, and other your graces courtes. In consideration whereof it may please your maiestie, that it maye be enacted by poure highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that the chauncellour of the sayde courte of the duchy of Lancaster, the chauncellour of your highnes courte of augmentations, the chauncellour of your graces courte of fyrste frutes and tenthes, the maister of your highnes wardes and lieries, and euery of your graces generall surueyors of your highnes landes, the tresourer of your graces chamber the tresourer of your highnes courte of augmentations, & the grome of your graces stoole, & euery of them for the tyme being, shal and maye receyve singulerly to euery of them in his house, or attendant vnto his person, one chapleyn hauing one benefice with cure of soules, whiche maye be absent from his sayde benefice, and not resident vpon the same, the sayde estatute made in the sayde. xxi. yere of your moste gracious reygne, or any other estatute acte or ordinaunce made to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandinge.

It is ordeyned alwaie and be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that euery of the sayde chapleyns, so beinge beneficed as is aforesayd, and dwellinge with any the officers afoze named, shal personally repayre two tymes in euery yere at the least to his sayd benefice and cure, and there to tary and abyde by the space of . viii. dayes at euery suche tyme at the leaste, to visite and instructe his sayde cure, vpon the payne to forfayte for euery tyme so fayllynge xl. s. the one moitie thereof to the kynge our soueraygne lord, the other to suche as wyl sue for the same by action of debte byll playnte or informacion in any of the kynges courtes of recoorde, in which suite no eslopie protection or wager of lawe shal be allowed.



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An acte to enable persons late religious to sue  
and to be sued. Cap. xxix.



HERE IN the parlyament holden at westmynstre,  
the. xxviii. day of Apryl, in the. xxxi. yere of the reygne of  
our soueraygne lord Henry the. viii. by the grace of god  
kyng of Englande fraunce and Irelande, defendour of  
the faythe, and of the church of Englande and also of Ire-  
lande in erthe the supreme head: It was and is ordeyned  
and enacted by auctorite of the sayde parlyament, that al  
and singuler suche religious persones, as well men as women pofessed, of  
what order rule or habyte so euer they were, whiche thenne were or after that  
tyme shoulde be put at theyr lyberties from the daungier seruitude and con-  
dition of theyr religion and pofession. wherunto they were pofessed, by re-  
son of suppression dissoluyng forsaiture by attaynder renderynge or other  
wyse grynge to the handes of the kynges maiestie, theyr houses monaste-  
ries and pofessions, shoulde by auctorite of the sayde parlyament from and  
after the fyrst day of the same parlyament, and from and after the tyme that  
they were or shoulde be putte at suche lybertie, haue free lybertie to purchase  
to them and to theyr heires in fee simple fee taylor for terme of lyfe for yeres  
or at wyll, manours landes tenementes rentes annuities and other heredi-  
tamentes and thynges what so euer they were, in lyke maner and fourme as  
though they or any of the had neuer ben pofessed nor entered in to any such  
religion, and that the same religious persons and euery of them, by auctorite  
of the said act of parlyament, shoulde be able to sue and to be sued in all maner  
of actions plaintes & suites, what so euer they were, of and for any matter or  
cause growen sithens and after the tyme of their seuerall deraimmentes or de-  
parting out of their religion, in all courtes places and iurisdiccions within  
this realme of Englande, as other the kynges subiectes were, and that they  
and euery of them shoulde and might from that tyme vse and exercise receyue  
take haue and enioy all and euery laful thing and thynges from thenforth  
to be growen fallen or happened vnto them or any of them, after the said de-  
raignment or departing out of their religion, in as large and ample maner  
fourme and condition, as if they had neuer ben pofessed nor entered in to re-  
ligion, this same pofession or religion, or any lawe custome or vse within the  
sayde realme of Englande to the contrary thereof in any wyse not withstan-  
dyng, as by the sayde acte amonge other articles clauses and prouisos more  
playnly appereth. And for as moch as diuers ambiguities and doubtes day  
ly do arise, whether the saide act extend vnto suche late religious persons as  
were in diuers late religious houses and monasteries, whiche by the kynges  
highnes were immediatlye transposed and translated from their religion  
and olde corporacion in to a newe corporacion, and neuer came and remay-  
ned in his gracious handes, neyther by suppression, dissoluyng, forsaiture by  
attaynder ne suche like, accor dyng to the wordes of the sayde former acte:

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In aduopdyng of whiche sayd ambiguities and doubttes. Be it now ordeined and enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons of this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, and that the sayd act of parlyament aboue remembred, made in the sayde. xxxi. pere, shall extende as well to all suche persons, whiche be lyuyng, that were religious persones in any of the sayde houses, whiche were so translated and transposed from one corporation into an other, whiche at any tyme was professed or were religious persones in any of the sayde houses within this realme of Englande, and that they and euerye of them from the tyme of theyr sayde seuerall deraignement and discharge of their sayd professions and religions, shalbe in lyke qualitie estate condition and degree, and also shall take haue and enioy lyke benefite comoditie profite and aduantage, and with lyke prouiso onely, and not otherwysse, to euery entent and in euery thyng, as any other religious persone or persons maye and shall haue, take, and enioy by vertue of the sayde former acte aboue remembred, the same profession or religion, or any lawe custome or vse to the contrary therof in any wyse notwithstandinge.

**C**An act confyrmyng the auctoritie of the Deane and Chapter of Lichfield, in makynge leases and other grauntes. Cap. xxx.



**V**HERE befoze this tyme the chapter vnto the see and byshopricke of Couentre and Lichfield, was the priour and convent of the late priory or monastery of our blessed lady of Couentre, within the countie of the citie of Couentre, And the deane and chapter of the cathedrall church of Lichfelde in the countie of Stafforde, by reason wherof all leases grauntes and estates, made of any the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes fees offices or any other thyng belongyng or appertaynyng vnto the said see and byshopricke, or wherof the byshop of the sayd see of Couentre and Lichfield for the tyme beyng, was seyled in the right of the sayd byshopricke, or going out of any of the sayd manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes belongyng vnto the same byshopricke, whiche shuld be good or of any effecte in the lawe, to bynde his successors in succession after the death of the sayde byshop of the sayd byshopricke for the tyme being grauntour lessour or gyuer of any the premises, as is aforesayde, oughte to be made in wytyng by the same byshop for tyme being vnder his scale, & in his lyfe tyme to be also by wytyng sealed with the common scale of the priour and convent for the tyme being of the sayd late priory or monastery of Couentre, and also with the chapter scale of the deane and chapter for the tyme being of Lichfelde, ratified and confirmed: whiche sayde priory or monastery of Couentre byuers petes nowe past was lawfullie dissolved extincte and determynd, all be it sythen that tyme byuers and sundrye gyftes grauntes and leases haue ben made in wytyng of and in parcell of the premises, or goyng out of



the same, by the nowre byshop of the sayd byshoppe, and also confirmed in wytyng by the deane and chapter of Lichfield aforesaid, vnder their chapter seale. And forasmuche as it is in doubt & question amonges dyuers persons, whether the confirmation of the said deane and chapter of Lichfield is sufficient in the lawe, to make perfite and good siche gyftes grauntes and leases heretofore, sithen the dissolution of the sayd late priory, made, or hereafter to be made in wytyng by the byshop of the sayde see, or byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfelde for tyme beyng, of any manours landes tenementes hereditamentes, or other thyng belongyng to the same byshoppe, or goyng out of the same, and ratified and confirmed also in wytyng by the deane and chapter of Lichfelde aforesaid, shuld be good and effectuell in the lawe, to bynde in succession the successours of the sayd nowre byshop, accordyng to the tenour purport and effect of the same gyftes grauntes leases and other wytynges, so made by the sayd byshop, and confyrmied by the sayde deane and chapter of Lichfelde, as is aforesaid: by occasion wherof, dyuers of the kynges subiectes, as well fermours and lessees for terme of lyfe lyfes and peres, as other may be put to greate vexacions suites troubles and losse of theyr goodes, to theyr great empoueryshment. In eschewyng of which said ambiguities questions and doubtes, and of all suites vexacions and troubles, that might ensue by meanes therof: Be it enacted ordeyned and established by the kyng our soueraigne lord, the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that al & singular gyftes grauntes leases & other wytynges, at any tyme sithen the dissolution of the saide late priory or monastery of Couentre made, or hereafter to be made by the bishop of Couentre and Lichfeld for the tyme beyng, in wytyng vnder his seale, of any manours landes tenementes hereditamentes offices fees or any other thyng belongyng to the sayd bishoppe, or going out of any the same pmisses, and ratified and confirmed by the deane and chapter of Lichfelde for the tyme beinge in wytyng vnder theyr chapter seale, shall be and stande good and effectuell in the lawe, to bynde in succession the successours of the sayd byshop, accordyng to the tenours purportes and effectes of the same gyftes grauntes and leases, made and hereafter to be made in wytyng by the sayd byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfield for tyme beyng, and confirmed by the deane and chapter of Lichfelde as is aforesaid. And that by the same auctorite the dean and chapter of Lichfield aforesaid, and theyr successours for the tyme being, shalbe from henceforth for ever accepted taken reputed and adiudged to be the full entier and sole see and chappiter of the sayde byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfelde, and belongyng and appertaynyng vnto the same byshoppe, in name nature auctorite and qualite, to all intentes, constructions, and pourposes, as the sole chappiter of the same byshoppe: And shall haue full power and auctorite to ratifye and confyrmie in wytyng vnder theyr chappiter seale, all and all maner gyftes, grauntes, and leases, hereafter to be made or graunted in wytyng by anye byshoppe of the sayd

sayd byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfelde for the tyme beinge, vnder his seale, of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes belongyng vnto the sayd byshoppe, or of any rentes offices or other yerely profits out of the same manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, or any parcell thereof, in as ample and large maner forme and condition, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as the deane and chapter of saynte Paule in London for the tyme beinge, maye lawfully ratifie or confirme in writyng vnder theyr chapter seale, any gifte graunte or lease made or hereafter to be made in writyng by the byshop of London for tyme being, vnder his seale, of any landes tenementes offices or other profits belonging to his bishoppe of London.

**It** is provided alwayes that this act or any thyng therein conteyned, do not extende to bynde any foundour or gyfte of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes of the sayd see and byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfelde, or therunto belongyng, of so; or concernyng all suche actions and suites, as they or any of them may shulde or ought to haue by reason of any alienation in fee simple or in fee taylor, hereafter to be made of any the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes of the sayd byshoppe of Couentre & Lichfelde or of any parte thereof.

**It** is provided also that this act or any thyng therein conteyned, extende not to any copphold landes of the same byshoppe, letten out by copy of court roll after custome and maner, but that the same copies, and the estate and estates of the coppholders therein, shall continue remaine and be of suche strength and effect, as all other coppholders be accepted and taken by and in the lawe of this realme, and of no other strength or effecte.

**It** is provided also and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that this acte or any thing therein conteyned, be not in any wyse prejudiciall or hurtfull to the byshop of Chester for the tyme beinge, nor yet to the deane and chapter of Chester, for or concernyng any office or offices belongyng or appertaynyng vnto the same byshoppe of Chester, or to the deane and chapter of Chester aforesayde.

**An** acte dissuetyng the byshoppe of Chester, and of the yle of Man, from the iurisdiction of Canterbury to the iurisdiction of Yorke. Cap. xxxi.



**W**HEREAS the kynges highnes of his most gracious goodnes as well for the advancement of Christs religion as for the better instruction of his subiectes in the lawes of God, hath by his letters patentes, bearing date the. xvi. daye of July, in the. xxxiii. yere of his noble reigne, erected, founded, & established in the late monastery of saynt Werberge, in his cite of Chester, a cathedral church, or bishops see, wyllyng the same to be named & called the byshoppe or bishops see of Chester, and to the same hath

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appoynted



appointed limites and boundes of one perfect and entier diocese, ordeynynge  
 & wyllynge the same to be named and called the diocese of Chester. And among  
 ges other thynges hath appoynted vnited and annexed to the said diocese of  
 Chester, the archdeaconry of Richemont, and all the iurisdiction thereof,  
 whiche archdeaconry was of late partell of the diocese of Yorke, and moze  
 ouer hath the same hole and entier diocese of Chester, with all the lymittes  
 and boundes, and all thinges annexed appoynted and vnited to the same,  
 decreed ordeyned and establisshed to be of the prouince of the archebyschoppe  
 of Canterburp, and vnder the iurisdiction metropolitall of the same, as in  
 the same letters patentes dothe moze largely appere. For as moche as his  
 sayde highnes graciously considereth, that the sayd archebyschop of Cantur-  
 bury hath a sufficient number of diocesses & suffraganes vnder hym and in  
 his prouince, and that the archebyschop of Yorke hath within the realme of  
 Englande onely two suffraganes, and moze ouer that if the sayde diocese  
 shulde remayne vnder the sayde archebyschoppe of Canterburp, that than all  
 his highnes subiectes of all that diocese of Chester, and so of the archdea-  
 conry of Richemount, shulde be constrained for appelles to resorte to the au-  
 dience of Canterburp, whiche thyng to many of the sayde diocese, and spe-  
 cially to them of the archdeaconry of Richemount, shoulde be by reason of  
 longe iourney of almoste. iii. C. myles from some places therof, intollera-  
 ble fatigation and impaytable charges, and therfore tenderly, lyke a mooste  
 gracious pryncce studynge and carpyng for his sayde subiectes most commo-  
 ditie quietnes and ease, bypon further deliberation hath with the aduise of  
 his most honozable counsaill determined and ordeyned to remoue and dis-  
 iunct the sayd byshoppyche and dioces of Chester, from the sayd prouynce and  
 archbyschoppiche of Canterburp, and to vnite and annex the same to the  
 prouynce and archbyschoppiche of Yorke, as a dioces membyr and byshoppych  
 of the same: Be it therfore ordeyned enacted and establisshed by the kynges  
 highnes, and by the consente of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the  
 commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the  
 same, that the sayde hole and entyre diocese of byshoppyche of Chester, and  
 euery parcell and member therof, be from henceforth vnited and annexed to  
 the prouynce and archebyschoppiche of Yorke, as a diocese and byshoppyche  
 of the same. And that frome henceforth the sayde diocese of Chester, and  
 euery parcell therof, exempte as well as not exempte, be and be taken na-  
 med and reputed to be of the prouynce and archebyschoppiche of Yorke, and  
 of the metropolitall iurisdiction of the same, to euery effecte and purpose,  
 accordyng to the ecclesiastical lawes of this realme: and that the byshop of the  
 same, that nowe is, and all other his successours, shall be suffraganes to the  
 archebyschoppe of Yorke that nowe is, and his successours, and to the same  
 shall owe theyr obedience, and be vnder the iurisdiction metropolitall of  
 the same, as wel theyr as the deane and chapter of Chester, and all the arche-  
 deacons and the hoole clergie, and all others the kynges subiectes, beyng  
 within the lymittes and boundes of the sayde diocese, any thyng compry-  
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sed in the sayde letters patentes of the erection of the sayde diocese and byshopricke of Chester not withstandinge. And from henceforwarde nother the sayde byshoppe of Chester, nother the clergy, nor any others the kynges subiectes, beinge of the sayde diocese of Chester, shall recognise the archebishop of Caunterbury as theyr metropolitane, but onely the archebishop of Yorke and his successours, & to the same shall obey in all thynges accordyng to the lawes, as well tempozall as ecclesiasticall of this realme.

**¶** Be it also further enacted and establisshed by the kynges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the byshopricke and diocese of Manne, in the yle of Manne, be also annexed adioyned and vnited to the said prouince and metropolitane jurisdiction of Yorke in all poyntes and to all poutpokes and effectes, as the saide byshopricke of Chester is annexed adioyned and vnited to the same.

**¶** Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by our soueraygne lord the kyng, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that this act be not prejudiciall to the archebishop of Caunterbury now beinge, nor to his successours, nor to the deane and chapiter of the same, ne to any other byshop or chapiter of this realme, but that all places landes promotions possessions as well spirituall as tempozall, beinge and lyenge without the boundes and limites of the archebicontries of Richmond and Chester, & without the boundes and limites of the citie of Chester, and the countie of the same, & the counties of Lancaster & Chester, or any of them, shalbe styl of the prouince of Caunterbury, and of such dioces and diocesses as they were of afore the erection of the said byshopricke of Chester, & of the iurisdiction of the same, & not of the prouince of Yorke, ne shalbe accompted to be any partell of the sayde dioces of Chester, any thinge in this present acte, or in the booke of erection of the sayde byshopricke of Chester, not withstandinge. Sauyng to the byshop of Chester and his successours, that his house at Weston, beinge within the dioces of Couentry and Lichefield, shal be accompted and taken to be of his dioces, and that he beinge resident in the same, shalbe taken and accopted as resident in his owne dioces, and for the tyme of his abode there shall haue iurisdiction in the same, lyke wyse as all other byshoppes haue in the houses belongynge to theyr sees, where so euer they lye, in any other byshopricke within this realme for the tyme of theyr abode in the same, any thyng in this present act and prouision to the contrary thereof in any wyse notwithstandinge.

In act



# ANNO. XXXIIL.

An act for the parryshe church of whitlegate to be made a pa-  
ryshe church of it selfe, and no part of the parryshe  
of Duer. Cap. xxii.



**V**HERE as by the dissolution of the late monastery Cla-  
leropal, within the countie of Chester, a certayne church sta-  
ndyng at the abbey gate of the saide late monastery amongst  
other the possessions landes tenementes and hereditamentes  
of the sayd late monastery, is comen vnto the handes and pos-  
session of the kynges highnes, by reason that the sayd church  
was belongyng to the sayd late monastery, whiche church befoze the tyme  
of remembraunce of man, by the vsurped bulles and auctoritie of the bishop  
of Rome, was made and ordeyned to be a parryshe church, as well for al and  
euery the tenauntes and inhabitauntes dwellyng of in and vppon the de-  
meanes of the sayd late monastery, and of in and vpon al other newe inco-  
ced grounde within the liberties of the sayd late monastery, and the graun-  
ges of the same, as for byuerse other the tenauntes of the sayd late monaste-  
ry, dwellyng in Forwist Gault Walterwal Duer Werton, the Brokehous-  
ses, and all other houses and gratinges, woodes waters pastures and me-  
dowes within the precinct of the parryshe of Duer, wherof the sayd late abbot  
was person in the sayd countie of Chester, by reason wherof the sayd tenan-  
tes and inhabitauntes haue continuallye, tyme out of mynde, come and re-  
sorted vnto the sayd parryshe church of whitlegate, within whiche tyme they  
haue continually receyued sacramentes and sacramentale at and in the sayde  
parryshe church of whitlegate, and haue continually bled to mary burie and  
chrysten within the same: And nowe of late at the dissolution of the sayd late  
monastery, the sayde bulles and other wytynges, conceyning the sayd vsur-  
ped auctoritie, were by the kynges Surueyours burned & destroyed, by occa-  
sion wherof the byear of the parryshe of Duer, within the sayde countie, wolde  
nowe disturbe the sayde tenauntes and inhabitauntes of theyr sayde parryshe  
church, and wolde deduce them from theyr sayde mozte accustomed parryshe  
church of whitlegate, vnto his sayd church of Duer, being foure or fyue my-  
les distant from theyr sayde houses and tenementes, which not only shulde be  
to the great peynes trouble and discommoditie of the sayde tenauntes and  
inhabitauntes, but also therby myght growe, that suche lawefull maryages  
shulde be aduoyded as haue heretofore ben solemnised in the face of the sayde  
church of whitlegate, beinge as he affirmeth, no parryshe church, women  
myght also lose theyr dowes, with manyfold other losses greuances and in-  
conueniences, that were lykely to ensue vpon the same. In auoydyng wher-  
of be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, his lordes spirytual and  
temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by au-  
cthoritie of the same, that the sayde church of whitlegate shall be the parryshe  
church for all and singular the tenauntes and inhabitantes aforesayd: and  
that the sayde church shall be named and called from hencefozthe, The pa-  
ryshe

the churche of our blessed ladye the virgin of whitegate, and the aforesaid tenauntes and inhabitauntes shall be discharged of any further resorte or re paye to the sayd churche of Ouer, and that the person vicar and curat of the sayde parishe churche of Ouer, and every of them, and the successours of the same and every of them, shall be discharged of the cure of the sayde tenauntes and inhabitauntes.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that one Richard Beul on clarke, now incumbent of the same churche of whitegate, and after hym some other sufficient and lawfull personne to be named and appoynted by the kynges highnes, shall be byear perpetuall in the sayde parishe churche of whitegate, and haue perpetuall succession in the same, and that he and his successours shall be called vicars of the parishe churche of our blessed ladye the virgin of whitegate, and shall be enabled by auctoritie of this acte, to sue and be sued by that name in all courtes and places in this realme: And that the aduouson donatton and presentation of the sayde vicarage, shall apperteyne and belonge to the kynges highnes his heires and successours: and that as well the sayde newe fyrste vicar named as aforesayde, as all other vicars hereafter to be named of the sayde churche of whitegate, shall be presented instituted and inducted to and by the ordinary and ordinaries of the same place, where the sayde churche is situate, as other persons and vicars of this realme ben accustomed: And shall paye the fyrste frutes and tenthes of the sayde vicarage vnto the kynges highnes his heires and successours, accordyng to the rate and value therof. And that also the same vicar and his successours shall haue and perceyue all the tithes offerynges oblattons obventions and other ecclesiasticall dueties and ryghtes, that shall yerely growe and be due by the customes of the realme and ecclesiastical lawes of the same, to be payed had or made by the aforesayde tenauntes and inhabitauntes, excepte onely the tythe of cozne, whiche shall be payed and satisfied from henceforth by auctoritie of this acte, to the kynges highnes his heires successours and patentees of the same.

¶ An acte concernynge the priuileges of kyngestowne  
vpon Hull. Cap. xxiii.



OR as moche as the kynges towne vpon Hul is situate and builded in length vpon the haven of the sayd towne of the part of the east, and vpon the water of Humber of the parte of the southe, and for the sauegarde tuition and defence of the same, the sayde towne is compassed and enclosed with great walles dyches and bankes from the southeast ende of the sayde haven, as wel towarde Humber as of the west and of the north vnto the north ende of the sayde haven. And towarde the mayntenaunce supportation and vpholdynge as well of the sayde walles dyches and bankes, as of other clothes howses getties gutters goottes and other fortresses there made for the defence



Defence of the sayde towne and of the sayde haven, the mayze burgesles and  
 comminaltie of the sayd towne of Hull haue vsed tyme out of mynde by their  
 officers or ministers of the same towne, to leupe take and haue of all inhaby-  
 tauntes of euery such townes in the counties of Suffolke and Norfolke, as  
 ppretende to be priuiledged in the sayde kynges towne vpon Hull, of euery last  
 of hearpynges brought thither by shipp to be solde. xx. d. and for euery hun-  
 dred saltfyshe. iiii. d. and for euery laste of spattes. viii. d. And also of al in-  
 habitantes of all other townes in the sayde counties of Suff. and Norff.  
 and elles where, of euery laste of hearpynges broughte to the kynges sayde  
 towne of Hull by shipp to be solde. ii. s. iiii. and for euery hundred saltfyshe  
 iiii. d. and for euery laste of spattes. viii. Unto nowe of late in the xxvii. yere  
 of the reigne of our soueraigne lord the kyng that nowe is, it was enacted  
 by auctorite of parliament, that the mayze of the sayde towne of Kynges-  
 towne vpon Hull and his successors, and all other officers and ministers  
 of and within the sayde towne, shulde from henceforth permytte and suffer all  
 the inhabitants of the sayde counties of Suff. and Norff. and from any o-  
 ther place thither repaying with vitayles, at al tymes for euermore betwene  
 the feaste of all seyntes and the annuntiation of our lady, lyberally and fre-  
 ly without interruption or impediment to conduct and bypyng the hear-  
 pynges and other fyshe to the sayde towne, and there to vtter and sell the same,  
 as wel by water as by lande, by retayle or ingrosse, to whom so euer & when,  
 within the sayde tyme befoze expcelled, they or any of them shall thynke most  
 expedient for theyr owne profytes and commodites, without any maner of  
 toll custome imposition or other exactions or charge to be demaunded leuied  
 or taken of the seller and byer of the same by the sayde may. e. or any other of-  
 fycers or ministers of or within the sayde towne or porte of the same for the  
 sayd hearpyng or other fyshe, or for the shypps or other vessels wherein the same  
 hearpyng or fyshe shulde so be brought or conducted to the sayde towne: ex-  
 cepte onely suche summes of money as hereafter ensuech: that is to saye, of  
 euery shipp thither repaying with hearpynges or other fyshe, as is aforesaid,  
 beinge of the burden of. xx. tunne or vnder, and not aboue. v. s. And of euery  
 shipp thither repaying with hearpynges or other fyshe, beinge aboue the  
 full burden of. xx. tunne. vi. s. viii. d. and not aboue, as by the sayde acte or  
 statute, made in the sayde. xxvii. yere, moze playnely maye appere. Whiche  
 whiche acte of parliamente made as is aforesayde, the sayde walles dyches  
 bankes and also ietties clothes flowesen goottes gutters and other fortres-  
 ses about the sayde towne, as is aforesayde, haue moche fallen in ruine and  
 decaye, bycause the mayze burgesles and comminaltie of the sayd towne, whi-  
 che haue moche parte of theyr lyuynge by trade of merchandise beyonde the  
 sea, be not able ne of power to maynteyne the sayde walles dyches bankes  
 ietties and other the pynulles agaynst the sayde water, and to suppozte and  
 beate suche other great petyl expences costes and charges, as petyl chance  
 within the sayde towne, excepte they myght haue towarde the same charges  
 suche summes of money as they befoze tyme haue ben accustomed to haue, of  
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the sayde fshermen, and other inhabitauntes as is aforesayde: And if the sayde walles dyches and other the premises shulde not be mainteyned supported and defended againste the sayde water, it wolde be in conclusion the destruction and desolation of the sayde towne of Kyngestowne vppon Hull, whiche god defende. In consideration whereof be it enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that the sayde acte and statute made in the sayde. xxvii. yere concernynge exactions taken by the mayre and commynaltie of the towne of Hull, and every thyng therein conteyned, maye be frome hensforth frustrate and voyde: And that frome hensforth it shall be lawfull to the mayre and burgeses of the kynges sayde towne vpon Hull, and theyr successours mayres and burgeses of the same, and all other offycers and mynisters there for the tyme beyng frome tyme to tyme, at al tymes hereafter, to receyue haue and take of all and every the inhabytauntes and fshermen of the sayde countie of Suff. & Norff. and of all other places to the sayde towne of Hull for suche hearynges spzattes saltfyshe and all other vitayles by them or any of theym hereafter to be broughte to be solde vnto the kynges sayde towne of Hull, suche summes of money as hereafter foloweth. that is to saye, for every laste of hearynges of every person pryuiledged. xx. d. for the laste: And for every hundred saltfyshe liii. d. and for every laste of spzattes. viii. d. And of every person not pryuiledged for every laste of hearynges. ii. s. iiii. d. and for every hundred saltfyshe liii. d. and for every laste of spzattes. viii. d. as afoze the sayde acte soo made in the. xxvii. yere of the regne of our sayde soueraygne lord the kyng the sayde mayre and burgeses haue vsed and accustomed to take, any thyng expressed or conteyned in the sayde acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ It is provided alwayes, and be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that this act or any thyng therein conteyned or expressed, shall not extende nor in any wise be hurtfull or prejudicial to charge or onerate any citie borough or towne within this realme, or the inhabytauntes of the same or any of them, for any moze or other custome imposition or payement, otherwise than they or any of them of right were charged or chargeable befoze the makynge of the sayd act and statute, made in the sayd. xxvii. yere, any thyng expressed or conteyned in this present act to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

¶ An acte for the towne of Lyne touchynge the reuocation of two sayes. Cap. xxxiii.



HERE the kynges maiesty of his most abundaunt goodnes hath by his letters patentes, vnder his greate seale of Eng-lande, bearynge date the. vii. daye of July, in the. xxix. yere of his moste gracious regne, graunted to the mayre and burgeses of his borough of kynges Lyne, in his county of Norfolke, that they and theyr successours shal haue and hold within



within the sayde borough two fayres oꝝ martes euery yere from thencefoꝛth: that is to say, one fayre the nexte day after the feast of the Assumption of our blessed lady the virgin, to be holden and to endure by. vi. dayes nexte and immediately folowynge the same day: The other of the sayd fayres oꝝ martes to be holden the nexte day after the feast of the Purification of our blessed lady the virgin, and to endure by. vi. dayes next immediately folowynge the same day, as by the sayde letters patentes amonges other thynges moze playnely may appere. foꝛ so moche that as well the burgeses and inhabitants of the sayd borough of kynges Lyne, as many and dyuers other persons dwellyng nych the sayd borough of kynges Lyne, haue spys the sayde letters patentes made, regrated and gotten unto their handes and possession great numbꝛe of saltfyshe, as lyngge loob codde salt salmon stockefyshe and hearynge, to the great hynderance and losse of many of the kynges subiectes, that petely haue repaired and comen to Styrbryge fayre, Ely fayre, and other fayres and markets in the county of Cambridge and Hentyngtō, and other shpyres, foꝛ the pꝛouision of saltfyshe and hearyng foꝛ theyꝛ householdes, and foꝛ the pꝛouision of dyuers other shpyres within this realme of Englande: whiche regratyng is contrary to a common welthe, and to dyuers statutes in that case pꝛouided, and contrary to the good intent and meaning of the graunt of the sayd fayres and martes, compysed oꝝ specified in the sayde letters patentes. It be therfoꝛe enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this pꝛesent parlyament assembled, and by the auctozitie of the same, that the grant made by the sayd letters patentes of the sayd two fayres oꝝ martes, with all lyberties onely concernynge the same, shall be from hensfoꝛth frustrate voyd and of none effect: Sauynge alwayes and reseruyng to the maire and burgeses of the borough of kynges Lyne, in the countie of Noꝛffolke, and theyꝛ successours, all other lyberties franchises commodities pꝛofyttes, and al other thynges what so euer compysed oꝝ specified in any letters patentes, made by the king our souerayne lord, oꝝ by any of his noble pꝛogenitours, oꝝ by any other concerning the borough oꝝ town of Lyne, by what name oꝝ names so euer it is oꝝ hath ben called, oꝝ concernynge the burgeses & inhabitants of the saide borough oꝝ towne of Lyne, oꝝ any of them, oꝝ the successours of any of them, by what name oꝝ names so euer they be oꝝ haue ben incoꝛporate named oꝝ called, so that this acte oꝝ any thing therein contepned shall not in any wise extende oꝝ be expounded to make frustrate voyde, oꝝ to take away any thing cause oꝝ matter but onely the sayde two fayres oꝝ martes, any thinge contepned in this acte to the contrary in any wyse not withstandynge.

**C**An acte concernynge the condites at Gloucester. Cap. xxxv.

**V**HERE befoꝛe this tyme the towne of Gloucester, nowe lately called the cite of Gloucester, and the inhabitants and resiantes within the same, haue ben reasonably furnished cōsoꝛted and refrelshed with good pure  
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and cleane runnyng water, issuing out of the heaves of freshe springes, situate and beinge within one myle and halfe distaunt from the sayde cite, in one hyll there called Warstonis hill, other wyse called Robyn Hoodes hyll: And for the preservation and continuaunce of the sayd heaves and springes, there is and longe tyme heretofore hath ben erected and buylded by the inhabitauntes of the same newe cite, sundry conduite houses of tyme and stone, and from thense the sayde water hath ben conveyed vnder erthe in pypes of leade, into dyvers places of the sayde cite, and also to the cloyster and houses of the late dissolved monastery of saint Peter in the same cite, nowe lately translated & stablyshed by the kynges maiestie in to a cathedral church of a bishop deane and chapter, whiche sayd freshe runnyng water is and hath ben not onely a great refreshynge comfote and commoditie to al the kynges subiectes, inhabitynge within the sayde cite, but also a syngular pleasure to all esttraungers repayinge to the same: Cpill nowe of late the sayd springes haue ben and yet be moche dyed wasted and consumed, so that throughte the debilitie and scarcitie of water in the sayde springes, lyttell or noo water at this day cometh or cenneth from thense to the conduites and vsuall places in the sayde cite or mynster, by reason wherof if some speedy remedy be not foresene and provided for the conveyaunce bypyngnge and leadyng of other water springes nowe also beinge in the sayde hyll, not far distaunt from the said olde heaves, to the pipes gutters and trenches of the same olde heaves, now leadyng and conveyinge the water to the sayde cite and mynster, the kynges subiectes inhabitynge within the same cite, for lacke of the sayde water, shall be moch greued annoyed and molested, for as moche as freshe and pure rennyng water is and hath ben noted to be one of the mooste necessities comfote and refreshynge to all cities and townes within this realme. In consideration wherof be it enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, the lordes spirytuall and temporell, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that from the feast of Easter nexte comynge it shall be lawfull to the mayre of the sayde cite of Gloucester for the tyme beinge, and also to the deane of the sayde mynster or cathedral church and theyr successours, and the successours of euery of them, at all tymes after the sayde feast of Easter, as neede shall requyre, to dygge and breake grounde for the conveyaunce of the sayd water in all places, in or vpon the sayde hyll, so that the place or places so broken dygged or trenched, be not aboue halfe a myle distaunt from the places where the sayde olde conduites heaves be nowe alreedy builded and erected, and in suche places where it shall be thought mooste apte and necessary by the artificers and workemen of the sayde mayre or deane for the tyme beinge, to serche or fynde any newe springe heaves in any place within the sayde p[re]cincte afore mentioned. And vpon the same newe springes so found lawfully to erecte and edify newe conduyt houses, and there to dygge and make diches vaultes and trenches, and other convenient and necessary thynges for the continuaunce therof at all tymes hereafter, at the lybertie and pleasure of the sayd mayre and deane and



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they; successors for evermore. And also from the sayd newe springes to convey the water in pipes of leade gutters and trenches vnto the other pipes of leade apperteyning to the sayde olde conduites heades, and by suche or lyke polycy and meanes to bypnye and convey the hole water frome all the sayde heades and springes, vnto the sayde cite and mynster, for the comon welth vtilitie and reliefe of the same cite and mynster, and the inhabitantes of the same. And thus to be done and executed with the peteyle mayntenaunce and reparations of the same, as neede shal requite from tyme to tyme alwayes here after. And further that the sayde mayre and deane and they; successors, and every of them, for the bypnyng and breakyng of any such ground or soyle in any the places aforesayde, and for the purposes aforesayde, shall within xx. dayes nexte after any suche grounde broken by the labourers or workemen of the sayd mayre or deane, for the ententes and purposes aforesayd, satisfie contente and paye vnto the owners or possessours of the sayde soyle or grounde so broken or bygged, as moche moneye for the same bypnyng and breakyng, as shall be adiudged and taxed by the determination and iudgement of. iiii. or. iii. indifferent men, inhabityng within the parryshe, where the place so broken buried or trenched is or shall be, and that to be bled for evermore hereafter. And the same. iiii. or. iii. men alwayes hereafter shall be chosen and named, as well by the owner or possessor of the grounde so broken for the tyme beinge, as also by the sayde mayre or deane for the tyme beinge, by whose commaundmente any suche grounde or soyle shall be at any tyme hereafter so digged or broken: And all suche summes as after the sayd feast of Easter shall be taxed by the sayde. iiii. or. iii. men for the tyme being, so named and chosen for satisfaction of any suche trespass or trespasses, shall be payde and satisfied by the sayde mayre or deane for the tyme beinge, within. iiii. dayes nexte after the saide taxation or iudgemente soo made and pelled, vpon payne of the sayde mayre or deane so offendyng denieng or refusinge the payment therof for every suche offence to forsayte. xiii. s. iiii. d. the one halfe of whiche sayde forsayture shall be to the kyng our soueraygne lord, his heires and successors, and the other moety to any of the kynges subiectes that wyl sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, by action of dette byll playnte information or other wyse, in which action byll or playnte no wager of lawe protection nor esoyne shall lye. And neuertheless the party, whose grounde hereafter shall be broken, for none payement of all suche summes of money, as by the sayd. iiii. or. iii. men for the tyme beinge, shall be taxed and adiudged for the doinge of any suche trespass at any tyme or tymes, shall haue an action of det agaynst the sayd mayre or deane, by whose commaundement any suche ground shall be so broken, in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, for the recovery of the same det so taxed, in which action no wager of lawe protection nor esoyne shall lye. And if it shall happen, that the sayde. iiii. or. iii. men hereafter so to be chosen, as is aforesayde, do not or shall not agree in makynge any suche taxation for any suche offence or offences to be doone within the sayde tyme of. iiii. dayes to theym afoze

alsoe lymitted, noꝝ that the sayde mayꝛe oꝝ deane foꝝ the tyme beynge, do not offer oꝝ tender to the partie so greued, a reasonable amendes and satisfaction foꝝ the bꝛeakynge dyggyng oꝝ trenchynge his oꝝ theyꝝ sayd grounde, that then the partie oꝝ parties so greued, and whose lande oꝝ soyle shal be so hereafter subuerted and bꝛoken, shall haue his laful remedy agaynst the sayd mayꝛe oꝝ deane foꝝ the tyme beynge, by whose commaundemente any suche soyle oꝝ grounde, shal be foꝝ the pourpose alsoe sayde dygged oꝝ bꝛoken, by action of trespas, and to recouer damages foꝝ the same, any thinge in this pꝛesent acte mentioned to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

**W**oulded alwaye and be it further enacted by the auctozittie alsoe sayde, that if the sayde mayꝛe oꝝ deane, theyꝝ successours workemen oꝝ seruantes oꝝ any of them, at any tyme oꝝ tymes after the sayd feast of Easter, be oꝝ shall be disturbed letted oꝝ withstanded, to dygge buylde heades of conduites dyches oꝝ trenches in any place oꝝ places, in oꝝ vpon the sayde hyll, within the pꝛecincte to them alsoe lymitted, oꝝ in any other place oꝝ places from the said hyll vnto the sayde cite, foꝝ the necessary reparation and amendeiment of any the pꝛopes of leade hereafter to be crased oꝝ bꝛoken, whiche doth conueye the sayde water to the same cite oꝝ minster, by any owner owners oꝝ possessours of the same ground, oꝝ by any other person oꝝ persons at any tyme oꝝ tymes hereafter: that than every suche person owner possessour oꝝ personnes so dysturbynge, wylfully lettynge oꝝ molestynge any the workemen of the sayde mayꝛe oꝝ deane, shall foꝝsaye and lose foꝝ every suche disturbaunce and detymer, .i. s. the one halfe of whiche sayde foꝝsayture shall be vnto the kyng our soueraigne loꝛde, his heyyes and successours, and the other moꝛtpe to any of the kynges subiectes that wyl sue foꝝ the same in any the kynges courtes of recoꝛde, at any tyme hereafter by action of det byll playnte infoꝛmation oꝝ otherwyse, in whiche no wager of laue pꝛotection noꝝ elsoꝛne shall lye oꝝ be allowed.

**A**n acte foꝝ repairing of Caunturbury, Rochester, Stampfoꝛde,  
and diuers other towncs. Cap. xxxvi.



**F**OR as moch as in tynes past dyuers and many beautiful houses of habitation haue ben within the walles and liberties of the cite of Caunterbury, the cite of Rochester, the boꝛoughes and towncs of Stampfoꝛde, and gret Grimesby in the county of Lincolne, the towne of Cambridge in the county of Cambridge, the boꝛough oꝝ towne of Derby in the county of Derby, the boꝛough oꝝ towne of Gylfoꝛde in the county of Suff. the towne of Dunwyche in the county of Suff. the boꝛoughes oꝝ towncs of the synke poꝛtes with theyꝝ members, the towne of Lewes in the county of Sussex, and the towne of Buckingham in the county of Buckyngham, whiche now are fallen downe decayed and at this tyme remaine vncared, lying as desolate and vopde groundes, and many of them adioynynge nigh vnto the high stretes replenshed with moch ordure fylth & vncleanes



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uncleanes, with pittes sellers and baulkes lying open and uncollected, to the great perill and daunger of al the inhabitantes & other the kynges subiectes passinge by the same, and some houses be very weake and feble ready to falle downe, and be very daungerous to passe by, to the great decay and hynde- raunce of the sayd cities boroughes townes and synke portes. It may ther- fore be enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons or bodies politike, being owners or possessioners of any suche desolate or voyde groundes, that at any tyme within fyue & forty yeres next before the making of this acte, haue ben builded for houses of habitatio, or for any house or houses of habitation now or hereafter beinge in decaye and not fully fallen downe, within the liberties and precinctes of any of the sayd boroughes townes and places, do not suf- ficiently reedify buyde and repayre, or cause to be reedified buyded and re- payred the sayd desolate voyde groundes and decayd houses conuenient for habitation and dwellinge, within two yeres nexte after proclamation to be made in or vpon the same voyde ground or groundes, decayed house or hou- ses, by the mayres aldermen and burgesses, or other heed officers within the precinct of theyr owne auctorities: that than it shall be lafull for the chiefe lord or lordes immediate, of whome suche desolate and voyde groundes be caped, and ruinous houses be holden after the sayde two yeres be expyed, to enter into the same, and to haue the same groundes or houses, with the cur- telage backespyde and gardein adioynnyng to the same, if they be of the inheri- taunce of the owner or owners of the said decayed house or ground, and ex- ceede not one acre of ground, to theym and to theyr heires or successours, or to their owne proper vse for ever, so that the sayde lord or lordes immediate entryng by the auctoritie of this acte, doe sufficiently reedifye buyde or re- payre the same voyde ground or decayed houses, within two yeres and an halfe nexte and immediately folowynge the determination of the sayd first two yeres. And in case suche lord or lordes, as may enter by this act, do not enter and wel and sufficiently reedify build or repayre the same voyd groun- des or decayed houses, within the sayd two yeres and an halfe to them limit- ed by this acte. & if suche lord or lordes immediate, as may enter by this act, do sufficiently reedify buyde and repayre the same voyd groundes or de- cayde houses, within the sayd two yeres and an halfe to theym limited, and after they their heires or successours suffer the same houses or voyde groun- des to fall in ruine and decay, and do not buyd or reedifie the same sufficien- ly within two yeres and an halfe of suche ruine or decay: that than it shall be lefull to all person or persons or bodies politike, as shall than haue any rent charge ioyntly or severally goinge out of the sayd voyde ground or groun- des, or decayed house or houses, in any of the sayd cities boroughes townes or places immediately after the sayd two yeres and an halfe expired, to enter into the same, and to haue to suche of them theyr heires and successours, to theyr owne proper vse, as shall so buyde the sayd voyde groundes or decayed houses

houses, by auctoritie of this act, the same boyde groundes oꝝ houses, with the curtillage backsyde and garden adioynnyng to the same, if they be of the inheritance of the owner oꝝ owners of the said decayed house oꝝ ground, and exceede not in quantitie one acre of ground, discharged of all rentes goynge out of the same groundes oꝝ houses, as wel against the said lord and lordes immediate, as all other persone oꝝ persones oꝝ bodies politike, haupnge any rent oꝝ rentes charges oꝝ rent seche out of the same, other than the fee ferme of the sayd citie borough towne oꝝ place, oꝝ some parcel thereof, so that the said person oꝝ persons oꝝ bodies politike, haupng the sayd rent charge, entreynge by the auctoritie of this act, do sufficiently reedify build and repaire the same desolate and boyde ground oꝝ groundes, oꝝ decayed house oꝝ houses, within one yere and .iii. quarters next and immediatly folowynge the determination of the sayd two yeres and an halfe, to the sayd lord or lordes immediate appointed by this acte. And in case suche person oꝝ persons oꝝ bodies politike, hauing any of the sayd rentes charges, as may enter by this act, do not enter and well and sufficiently reedifie buyld oꝝ repaire the same boyd groundes oꝝ decayed houses, within one yere and thre quarters to them appointed by vertue of this act: oꝝ if they oꝝ any of them haupnge suche rent charge, and that may enter by this act, doo sufficiently buyld and repaire the same boyde groundes oꝝ groundes, oꝝ decayd house oꝝ houses, within the sayd one yere and .iii. quarters to them limited, and after they their heyres oꝝ successours, suffer the same boyd groundes oꝝ groundes, house oꝝ houses to falle in ruine and decay, and doo not buyld oꝝ reedifie the same sufficiently within one yere and thre quarters after suche ruine oꝝ decay: that than it shalbe leful to the mayres aldermen and burgesles, and other the head officers of the said cities boroughes townes and places, by what name oꝝ names so euer they be incorpozated and they; successours, and euery of them within the limittes of they; auctorities immediately after the sayde yere and .iii. quarters expyred, into euery suche desolate and boyde groundes decayed oꝝ ruinous houses, to enter, & to haue holde & enjoy to them and they; successours for euer, to they; owne vles, the same groundes oꝝ houses and euery of them, with the curtillages, gardens, & backside to the same, if they be of the inheritance of the owner oꝝ owners of the sayde decayed house oꝝ ground, and exceede not in quantitie one acre of grounde clerely discharged of all rentes goynge out of the same groundes oꝝ houses, as well agaynst the sayd lord or lordes immediate, as all other person oꝝ persons oꝝ bodies politike, haupnge suche rent charge oꝝ rent seche, as before is said, other than the fee ferme of the sayd citie borough towne oꝝ place oꝝ parcel thereof. So that the same mayres aldermen and burgesles oꝝ other head officer as is also sayd, oꝝ they; successours for the tyme being, do reedifie buyld oꝝ repaire, oꝝ cause to be reedified buylded oꝝ repaired, the same ground oꝝ groundes house oꝝ houses within .iii. yeres next and immediatly folowynge the determination of the sayd yere and .iii. quarters, limited oꝝ appointed to such person oꝝ persons oꝝ bodies politike, that haue oꝝ shall haue any rent as is also sayd: And in case the sayd mayres aldermen



and burgesſes, or other head officers as is aforeſaid, or their ſucceſſours, doo not enter and reediſie builde and repaire the ſame void ground or groundes decayd houſe or houſes in forme aforeſaid, within the ſayd terme of .iii. yerres after they ſayd entree, or if they ſufficiently reediſie buylde and repaire the ſame voyde grounde or groundes, or decayd houſe or houſes, within the ſaid thye yerres to theym limited by this acte, and after they or they ſucceſſours, ſuffer the ſame houſe or houſes, voyde grounde or groundes to falle in ruine and decay, and doo not builde and reediſie the ſame ſufficiently within thye yerres after ſuche ruine or decay: that than it ſhalbe leſull to the ſpyte owner or owners, poſſellour or poſſellours of ſuche voyde ground or groundes, decayd houſe or houſes, their heires or ſucceſſours, immediately after the ſaid thye yerres, to the ſayd mayors aldermen & burgesſes, and other head officers as is afore limited, expired, into the ſame houſes ground or groundes, curtillages, gardecines, and backſydes to enter, and the ſame to retaine to them; they heires and ſucceſſours, as in their firſte eſtate, any thing contained in this preſent acte to the contrary not withſtandinge.

**C**onſoyded alſway, that this acte or any thing therein conteyned, be not in any wiſe hurtfull or prejudiciall to any perſon or perſons, being at the tyme of the ſayd proclamation made vnder the age of .xxi. yerres, or being ſome co-uerit, or in priſon, or beyonde the ſea in the kynges warres, or in his other leſull affaires, or to any perſon or perſons, not being than of hole and perfect memory, duringe the tyme that ſuche perſon or perſones ſhall be within age, married, in priſonne, or of no perfect memory. or beyonde the ſea, ſo that the ſame perſon or perſons, they heires or ſucceſſours, after that he or they come to they full age of .xxi. yerres, or be vnmarried, out of priſon, or come agayne within this realme, or be of hole and perfect memory, within .iii. yerres than nexte enſuyng, doo reediſie the ſame deſolate or voyde groundes, or repaire the ſayd decayd houſes.

**C**An act touchyng the honour of Amptſhill. Cap. xxxvii.



**C**ONSYDERINGE that the kynges moſt excellent maieſty myndeth and intendeth by the grace of god to erecte buylde and ediſie vpon his graces manour of Amptſhill in the county of Bedf. ſumptuous ſtately beautifull and princely buyldynges ſtructures and edifices, and the ſame as his highnes hath alreedy with goodly and parkly parkes, ſo hereafter with dyuers and ſundry other lyke thynges of pleaſure deſire and commoditie, to beautifie adorne and decozate, mete apte and conuenient for the long conſeruation of the kynges moſt royall perſon at ſuche tyme and tymes as his maieſty ſhall haue acceſſe to the ſame: It ſemeth therfore very behouefull expedient and requiſite, that not alonely to ſuch a palace royal manours poſſeſſions and other hereditamentes ſhuld be knytte vnyted and annexed, correſpondent and agreeable to the worthynes and dignitie therof, but alſo oughte  
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of all convenientie in reason to be ornatid and set forth with the name and title of an honour, thereby insynuating and declaring, that the thing shall be no lesse honorable and princely in riche and saye possessions, than statelie & commodiouse, as well in thinges of pleasure, as in sumptuous and costelie buyldynges. wherfore be it enacted ordeyned and establisshed by the kynge our soueraygne lord, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempoꝛall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all and singular manours parkes messuages sittes of monasteries graunges landes tenementes rentes reuertions seruices, and all other hereditamentes liberties and commodities, lyenge oꝛ being in the hamlettes townes and parishes of Ampthyll, Wythpote, Fletewike, Walden, Wytepyngley, Westoning, Houghton, Congest, Wythamsted, Lyttelington, Husbondrauley, Rigemond cum Bagmo, Wyteley, Geys, Clophill, Capnoo Shefforde, Cranestielde, Dolorchille, Harlington, Codyngham, Barton, Whittington, Chalgraue, Marston, Wooburne, Cuertwal, Wilton, Bryan, Warden, Elstowe, Caudewell, Donistable, Walsorde, Holcoote, Bedforde, Wootton, Kemston, and the manour of Colmetworthe, in the sayd countie of Bedforde oꝛ in any of theym, oꝛ els in the hamlettes townes oꝛ parishes of Aetwoppanell, Wykefote, Wollso, great Wykefote, lytel Wykefote, Wykefote, lytel Wykefote, Wykefote, Wauendon, north Crauley, and Wykefote, oꝛ in any of them in the countie of Buckingham, oꝛ els where within the realme of Englande, belonggng oꝛ appertaynyng to any manour lyeng oꝛ being in any of the townes oꝛ parishes aboue mencioned, wherof and of the whiche our sayde souerayn lord the kynge is at this presente seased of an estate of inheritaunce, shall from hensforth be perpetually knit annexed and vnited to the said manour of Ampthyll, and be taken adiudged and demed as part parcell and member of the same manour. And that the same manour of Ampthyll, together with all maner landes tenementes and other the premises aboue recited, so vnited and annexed to the same manour, accordyng as is aboue expessed, shall fro hensforth be perpetually called and named the honour of Ampthyll. And that the same, which heretofore hath ben taken for the manour of Ampthyll, shall fro hensforth be taken and adiudged the chiefe principal and capital part and place of the hole honour of Ampthyll, and also that al & singular other manours messuages landes tenementes rentes reuertions seruices and other hereditamentes, lyeng oꝛ being in any of the hamlettes, townes, oꝛ parishes aforesaid, with theyꝝ rightes members and appurtenances, wherof, and of the whiche the kynge our sayd soueraygne lord, his heires oꝛ successours, shall be at any tyme hereafter seased of estate of inheritaunce by purchase eschete forsfature oꝛ otherwise, shall immediately after such purchase forsfature eschete oꝛ otherwise commyng to the handes of his hyghnes his heires oꝛ successours, be frome tyme to tyme vnited annexed demed and adiudged to all ententes and purposes, as parte parcell and member of the sayde honour of Ampthyll.

¶ AND furthermore be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that all and singular



gular the tenants, as well freeholders and copy holders, as other and all and singular persons, which owe suite to any of the said manours, or to any lete or lawday to be holden within the pfectinct of any of them, and the heires successours and assignes of euery of the sayd tenants shall doo their suites seruices and customes, and pay their tentes to the sayd sundry manours, and in suche tyme as they shold and ought to do before the making of this present act. And that the sayd tenants and suiters and euery of them, or the heires successours or assignes of them or euery of them, at any tyme hereafter, shall not be charged or chargeable to or with any other seruices suites customes tentes or other charges, nor be compelled to do or pay at ne in any other place or places, nor any of the seuerall tenures changed altered or charged other wyse than they were or ought to do and be before the making of this act, any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

**C**onpounded alway that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned shall not be prejudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons, theyr heires executours successours or assignes, for any leases demises grauntes or couenantes heretofore had made or graunted to them or any of them, of the sayde manours and other the premises or any parte or parcell thereof, or of any leases grauntes or couenantes hereafter to be made or graunted of any of the sayde manours landes tenementes and other the premises, wherof the kynges highnes his heires or successours shall hereafter be seased of estate of inheritance by purchase forfeiture escheate or otherwise, as is aforesayde lyng or beinge in any of the sayd hamlettes townes or parishes, by the owners of the sayde manours landes tenementes and other the premises or any parte or parcell thereof, or by any of theyr auncestours or predecessours, or by any persone or persons lawfully aucthorised by them or any of them, for any demise lease or graunt thereof so made or to be made: Shalynge alway to euery person and persons bodys politike and corporate, theyr heires executours successours and assignes and euery of them, other than suche bodys politike and corporate, and other persons as were or hereafter shall be partes and pruy to the bargaynes sales giftes or grauntes of the sayd manours and other the premises or any parte thereof, and theyr wiues beinge examined accordynge to the lawe of this realme, theyr heires and successours, and the wyues so examined and theyr heires, and the heires and successours of euery of them, all suche right title vse interest possession lease leases ferme fermes for terme of lyfe lyues yeres or otherwyse, and all grauntes liberties priuileges iurisdictiones auctorities franchises tentes charges profits couenantes and all other commoditie or comodities, which they or any of them, haue myghte or ought to haue, or hereafter shal or shuld haue, in or to the premises or any parte or parcell of them, in suche maner and fourme as though this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary thereof had neuer ben had nor made, any thyng in this present act to the contrary thereof not withstanding.

**BE IT ALSO** further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde honour of Amptpall, and all the manours, landes, tenementes, heredita-  
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mentes and other the p[re]misses aboue rehearsed, shall frome henceforth be to the order surueye rule and gouernance of the court of Augmentations of the reuenues of our soueraigne lord the kynges crowne, and to be graunted lette and sette to ferme by the officers and ministers of the same court, in such maner and forme, as other the manours landes and tenementes appoynted to the same court ben and ought to be letten or graunted. And that al the fermes issues reuenues and profittes commyng and growyng of the p[re]misses, and of euery part therof, shall be taken and receyued to the kynges vse by the ministers and officers of the same court, in suche maner and forme as is vsed and had of other manours landes tenementes commytted to the order suruey and gouernance of the sayd court of augmentations, any act statute ordinaunce custome or vse heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ An acte concernyng the honour of Grafton. Cap. xxxviii.



FOR dyuers sundry vrgent and necessary causes and considerations the kynges maiestie specially mouyng, Be it enacted ordeyned and establisshed by the kyng our soueraygne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the comunons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all those his maiesties hundredes of Wymlersley and Alfordes howe, and all those his graces forrestes Whittylwood and Sawley, and all that his chace of Yardeley in the countye of Northampton, with all and singular theyr members ryghtes and appurtenaunces, And all that his highnesse chace of Whaddon in the countye of Buckyngham, with all and singular his ryghtes, membres, and appurtenaunces, and all and singular manours parkes messuages scites of monasteries and priories, graunges landes tenementes rentes reuertions seruices, and all other hereditamentes liberties and comodities, lieng or beinge in the hamlettes townes and parishes of Grafton, Hertwel, Ilmeton, Roode, Coztuall, Alderton, Stoke byewern, Shittilanger, Shoresley, Blyseworth, Wylton, Walleworth, Tysselde, Ballispyr, Cosselour, Eilton, Hulcote, Abthorp, Foscot, Greynsnoton, Blakesley, Woodend, Colehigham, Grimescot, Gayton, Dassel, Elcot, Ilcot, Dalecot, Bugbroke, Ruddishthrup, Collingthrygh, Hardingsston, Wotton, Quinton, Slopton, Densanger, Yardeley, Potterspyr, Furthoo, Colgrove, Castel Ashby, Wyken and Delaprey in the sayd countye of Northampton: And in the hamlettes townes and parishes of Luffilde, Hanslape, Castelthorp, Hartham, Shenley, Lytlehorwood, Snelfoo, and lyttell Lydforth, in the sayde countye of Buckyngham, and elles where within the realme of Englande, belongenge or appertaynyng to any manour or hundred, lyenge or beinge in any of the townes or parishes aboue mentioned, wherof and of the whiche our sayde soueraigne lord the kyng is at this present seased of an estate of inheritance, shall from henceforth



forth be perpetually knyt annexed and vnited to the said manour of Grafton and be taken adiudged and demed as part parcell and member of the same manour: And that the same manour of Grafton, togyther with all maner landes tenementes and other the p[re]misses aboue recyted, so vnited and annexed to the same manour, acco[rd]yng as is aboue exp[re]ssed, shall from hens forth be perpetually called and named the honour of Grafton: and that the same which heretofore hath ben taken for the manour of Grafton, shall from the fyrst day of May next commyng be taken and adiudged the chiefe p[ri]ncipall and capitall part and place of the hole honour of Grafton: And also that all and syngular other manours messuages landes tenementes rentes reuerstions seruices and other hereditamentes, lyeng and being in any of the hamlettes townes or parishes aforesayd, with all the rightes membes and appurtenances, wherof and of the whiche the kynge our soueraygne lord his heires or successours, shall be at any tyme hereafter leased of estate of inheritance by purchase eschete forfayture or otherwyle, shall immediately after suche purchase forfayture, or otherwyle commyng to the handes of his hyghnes, his heires or successours, be from tyme to tyme vnited annexed demed and adiudged to all intentes and purposes, as part parcell and membe of the sayd honour of Grafton.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that al and syngular the tenantes, as wel freholders and copy holders as other, and al and singular persons, which owe suite to any of the sayde manours, or to any leete or lawday to be holden within the p[re]cinct of any of them, and the successours and assignes of euery of the sayd tenantes, shall do theyr suites seruices and customes, and pay theyr rentes to the said sundry manours, and in such time as they dyd and ought to do befoze the makyng of this p[re]sent act. And that the sayd tenantes and suiters or any of them, or the heires successours or assignes of them or any of theym, at any tyme hereafter, shall not be charged or chargeable to or with any other seruices suites customes rentes or other charges, nor be compelled to do or pay the same in any other place or places, nor any of the seuerall tenures chaunged altered or charged otherwyle than they were or ought to do, or be befoze the makyng of this act, any thyng therin conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alway that this act or any thyng therein conteyned shall not be p[re]iudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons, their heires executors successours or assignes, for any leases demyses grauntes or couenauntes heretofore had made or graunted to them or any of them, of the sayde manours and other the p[re]misses, or any part or parcell thereof, or of any leases grauntes or couenauntes hereafter to be made or graunted of any of the sayde manours landes tenementes and other the p[re]misses, wherof the kynges highnes his heires or successours shall hereafter be leased of estate of inheritance by purchase forfayture eschete or other wyle, as is aforesayde, lyenge or being in any of the sayde hamlettes townes or parishes by the owners of the sayde manours landes tenementes and other the p[re]misses or any parte or par-

parcell therof, or by any of theyr auncestours or predecessours, or by any other person or persons lawfully aucthorised by them or any of them, for any demyse lease or graunt therof so made or to be made: Shalynge alwayes to every person and personnes bodies bolitike and corporate, theyr heires successours executours and assignes, other then suche bodies politike and corporate, and suche other persons as were or hereafter shal be parties and parties to the bargaynes sales gyftes or grauntes of the sayde manours and other the premises or any part therof: and theyr wyues being examined of the same, accordynge to the lawes of the realme, theyr heires and successours, and the wyues so examined, and the heires and successours of every of them, all suche right title vse interest possession lease leases ferme fermes for terme of lyfe lyues or yerres, or otherwise: And all grauntes libertites rentes charges profytes couenauntes and all and every other commoditie or commodities, whiche they or any of them haue myght or oughte to haue, or hereafter shal or shulde haue in or to the premises or any parte or parcell of theym, in suche maner and fourme, as though this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary therof had neuer ben had nor made, any thinge in this presente acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayd hono<sup>r</sup> of Grafton, and al the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes and other the premises aboue reherfed, shal from hensforth be in the order suruey rule and gouernaunce of the court of Augmentations of our sayd souerain lord the kynges crowne, and to be graunted lette and lette to ferme by the officers and mynisters of the same court, in suche maner and fourme as other the manours landes and tenementes appoynted to the same court, ben or ought to be letten or graunted: And that all the fermes issues reuenues & profytes commynge and growynge of the premises and every part therof, shal be taken and receyued to the kynges vse by the mynisters and officers of the same court, in suche maner and fourme as is vsed and had of other manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes committed to the order suruey and gouernaunce of the sayd court of Augmentations, any act statute or ordinance custome or vse heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ Wherbynt also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this acte ne any thyng therein conteyned be in any wyse prejudiciall or hurtfull to the iustices wardens stewards leutenantes and clerkes of the Swannimotes of any forrestes parkes or chases conteyned in this acte, for or concernynge any of theyr offyces powers or auctorities, but onely for and concernynge surueying of woodes and woodsales to be had and made in any of the sayd parkes forrestes or chases, and the punishment of the offendours therein, and the namynge rulyng and orderynge of the verdetours therof.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the mayster of the woodes of the sayde court of Augmentations, or other officers of the same court, shal perely pay or cause to be payde of suche summes of money



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as shall perely rpe and come of the woodsales to be made of oꝝ in the sayde parkes foꝛrestes and chaces afoꝛesayde, all and all maner of fees and wages as of olde tyme hath bene accustomed to be payde foꝛ the exercysynge of any offyce within the sayde parkes foꝛrestes and chaces, accordynge to a certificate by wytyng therof to be made vnto the sayd maister of the woodes by and from the iustices of the foꝛrestes oꝝ any of them oꝝ any theꝝ deputie oꝝ deputies in the same office, sealed and subscribed by them oꝝ any of them.

**C** And it is also enacted by the auctozitie afoꝛesayde, that the sayde maister of the woodes foꝛ the tyme beyng, shall make payment of all and all maner of reparations nedeful to be done in and vpon any pale raile and lodge with in any of the sayd parkes foꝛrestes & chaces, and assigne tymbre foꝛ the same, vpon any request therof to be made in wytyng, by and from the said iustices of foꝛrestes: And the said maister of the woodes shall allowe al maner of fetwel and byouse to be spent and occupied within the sayd parkes foꝛrestes and chaces, as it hath ben of olde tyme there bled and accustomed.

**C** And it is also provided and enacted by the auctozitie afoꝛesayde, that the maister of the woodes shall not make any woodsale within the parkes chaces and foꝛrestes afoꝛesayd oꝝ any of them, but by the assent of the iustices of foꝛrestes foꝛ the tyme being, within whose auctozity such foꝛrestis chaces and parkes bene, any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

**C** Provided alwaie and be it enacted by the auctozitie afoꝛesayde, that the termes rentes suites and seruices of such and as many of the sayd manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, mencioned in this acte, belongynge to the duchy of Lancaster, and countie Palatync of Lancaster, oꝝ to eyther of them, shall be answered and payde in the courte of the duchy chamber at Westmynster, oꝝ to the receyvers generall and other ministers of the same courte, in lyke maner and fourme as heretofore hath bene bled and accustomed. And that al leases hereafter to be made of any of the same manours landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes belongynge to the sayde duchye, shall be made vnder the seale of the duchye of Lancaster in lyke maner and fourme as heretofore hath bene bled, this acte oꝝ any thinge therein conteyned to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstanding.



AN ACTE concernynge the erection of the court of  
Surreyours, Cap. xxxi.



HERE IN THE parliament holden at London, the .xv. daye of Aprill, in the .xliii. yere of the reigne of our mooste dread soueraigne lord the kyng that now is, and from thens prologed to westm the laste daye of July, in the .xv. yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraygne lord, and there then holden, one acte or estatute was made and ordeyned by our sayd soueraygne lord the kyng, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and tempo- rall, and the commons in the sayde parliament asssembled, and by auctorite of the same, that diuers and many honours castelles lordshippes manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, as well in Englande and wa- les, as in Cales and the marches of the same, whiche in a Cedula to the sayd act annexed, be expressed, were appoynted to be vnder the surrey lettynge and settynge of dyuerse persons by the kynges highnes commission assigned, whi- che by the sayde acte be named and called, the kynges generall Surreyours of all and singular the premisses, befoze whom all receyuours bayliffes and other officers and ministers, and all other person and persones shulde be ac- comptable, of and for all and euery the premisses, as by the sayde acte more playnly at large maye appere, The sayde acte to endure vntyl the laste daye of the parliament than nexte and immediately ensuynge, whiche sayde nexte parliament, begonne at London the thyrde daye of November, in the .xli. yere of his graces most noble reigne, and from thens adourned vnto westm and there also vpon dyuerse prologations continued and holden the fourthe daye of february, in the .xliii. yere of his sayd reigne, It was then and there by auctorite of the same parliament ordeyned and establisshed, that the sayd former acte shulde from thense forth continue for euer, as by the same acte amongst other thynges therein conteyned, more playnly is shewed and may appere. And for as moche as al and singular the premisses be appertayning to the kynges mooste royall maiestie, as in the righte of his imperiall crowne of this realme, whiche crowne so beinge imperfall, it is very necessary and ex- pedient, that al possessions landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, be- inge any part patcell or membre therof, shuld be of such nature qualite and condition, as one hole and petyte body vndisembred: so that the officers therof appoynted by the kynges highnes, shulde haue no necessitie, to haue ayd or assistance of the auctorite and power of any othe court or iurisdic- tion, of or for the orderynge surreyngge settynge lettynge of any of the premisses, or for leuynge of all and singular the fermes rentes issues profyttes and commodities of the premisses, or for the determination and iudgement of any maner cause or causes that myght happen to growe insurge or rise, in of or about the same, or any parte therof, wherein the kynges maiestie is partle. Therfoze as well for the good orderynge, and for more spedy and due admi- nistracion of Justice to be had of and concernynge al and singular suche the  
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kynges honours castels manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, prestis and summes of money, comprised in a cedula signed oꝛ hereafter to be signed with the kynges signe manuell, with the issues and profyttes of the same, to be truly answered to the kynges highnes his heires and successours. And to the intent the kynges sayde excellentie maiestie, his heires and successours may the moze truly and speedily be answered contented and paid of the rentes issues fermes revenues and profytes, clyng comyng and growinge, oꝛ whiche hereafter shall ryse come oꝛ growe, of in and vppon all and singular the honours castels lordshypps manours landes tenementes and oꝛther hereditamentes aforesayde, with other the premisses, whiche be comprised in the sayde Cedula, signed with the kynges signe manuell, oꝛ hereafter shall be expressed in any other Cedula hereafter to be assigned, as is aforesayd, in suche court place maner forme and condition, as hereafter shall be declared permitted and appoynted: **BE IT** enacted ordeyned and established, by thassent of the kynges sayde maiestie, his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this his presente parlamente assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, in maner and forme, as hereafter foloweth in articles, That is to save.

**F Y R S T** the kyng our soueraigne lord, by auctoritie aforesayde, ordeyneth maketh establisheth and erecteth a certayne court, commonly to be called, The court of the generall Surueours of the kynges landes: whiche court, by auctoritie aforesayde, continually shall be a court of recorde, and shall haue one priue seale to be engraued and made after suche forme faction and maner, as shall be appoynted by the kynges highnes: whiche sayde seale shall remayne and be in the order and keepinge of the same Surueour, that shall be fyrste named in the kynges letters patentes: and in his absence to be left to the nexte officer to be named in the sayde letters patentes: and in his absence to the thyrde officer to be named in the sayde letters patentes.

**A N D** be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that there shall be certayn persons to be named by the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, whiche shall be called the kynges generall Surueours of the kynges landes, and they so named by the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, shall be one entier officer, and shall be the fyrste and principall officer in the sayde court.

**A L S O** it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesayde, that suche person as now is and hereafter shall be Treasourer of the kynges chaumber, shall be alwaies Treasourer of the revenues of the sayde court, and shall be officer of the same court next vnto the sayde Surueours.

**A L S O** there shall be one other person lerned in the lawes of the lande, to be named by the kynges highnes, whiche shall be called the kynges Atturney of the sayde court, and shall be the thyrde officer of the sayd court.

**A l s o** there shall be one person to be named by the kynges highnes and his heires, whiche shall be called the maister of the woodes comynge growing and beyng in and vpon the premisses oꝛ any part parcell oꝛ member therof, and shall be the fourth officer of the same court.

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**E**lſo there ſhall be as many auditours in the ſame court, as by the kinges highnes and his heires ſhall be appoynted, whiche ſhall be callyd auditours of the reuenues of the ſayd court.

**E**lſo there ſhalbe lykewiſe as many recepuours in the ſame court, as by the kynges highnes and his heires ſhall be named and appoynted, whiche ſhall be callyd recepuours of ſuche reuenues, as to them ſhall be appoynted by the kynges letters patentes.

**E**lſo there ſhalbe one perſon in the ſayd court, to be named by the kinges highnes, whiche ſhalbe callyd clerke of the ſame court: And one other perſon, whiche ſhalbe callyd vſher of the ſame court: And one other perſone, whiche ſhall be callyd meſſanger of the ſame court, whiche clerke vſher and meſſanger ſhalbe named by the kynges highnes, his heires and ſucceſſours, and euery of them ſhall haue ſuche pecyly fees rewardes and profittes, for the exerciſyng of the ſayd ſeueral offices, as the clerke vſher and meſſanger of the duchy chamber at Weſtm haue had and perceyued befoze this tyme.

**E**lſo the ſayd ſuruepours, whiche ſhall be appoynted by the kinges highnes, ſhal take a corpoꝝal othe befoze the loꝝde chauncellour of England for the tyme being after the tenour enſuyng: Ye ſhal ſweare, that ye well and truly ſhall ſerue the kyng in the ſayd office of the generall Suruepours of the reuenues of his court, callyd the court of generall Suruepours of his graces landes, and ſhall miniſter equal iuſtice to ryche and poore, to the beſt of your counnyng wytte and power: And that ye ſhall diligently procure al thynges, whiche may honeſtly and iuſtly be to the kynges aduantage and profytte, and to the augmentation of the rightes and prerogatiues of his crowne: and truly vſe the kynges ſeale appoynted to your office: And alſo endeuous your ſelfe to the vttermoſte of your power, to ſe the kyng truly answered of all ſuche rentes reuenues iſſues and profites, whiche ſhal oꝝ may ryſe oꝝ growe in your office, and from tyme to tyme deliuer with ſpede ſuche as ſhall haue to do befoze you: And that ye ſhall not take oꝝ receyue of any perſon, any gyfte oꝝ rewarde, in any cauſe oꝝ matter dependyng befoze you: oꝝ wherein the kynges highnes ſhall be partie, whereby any prejudice hyndeꝛance loſſe, oꝝ diſheriſon ſhall growe oꝝ be to the kynges highnes, ſoo helpe you god and all ſayntes.

**A**lſo that the ſayd treaſurer ſhal take a corpoꝝal othe befoze the ſayd Chancellour, accoꝝdyng to the tenour enſuyng: Ye ſhal ſweare, that ye ſhall well and truly ſerue the kyng our ſoueraigne loꝝde and his people, in the office of Treaſurer of his highnes court of generall Suruepours, and ye ſhall reaſonably and honeſtly procure the kynges profite, and do ryght to all manner of people poore and ryche in thoſe thynges, whiche touche your office: And the kynges treaſour ye ſhall truly kepe and diſpende, and true declaration and accompt therof ſhall make from tyme to tyme without any concelement, to and befoꝝ ſuche perſon and perſons as ſhall be named and appoynted by the kynges highneſſe, his heires and ſucceſſours for the ſame: And further ſhall do euery thyng, that of ryght appertayneth to your office:

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Also the sayd Atturney shall take a corporall othe befoze the sayd general surueyours accordyng to the tenour ensuyng. Ye shall sweare, that ye welles and truely shall serue the kyng in all places, for oze concernyng any mattier oze causethat shall concerne oze touche the possessions and hereditamentes, li mytted to the suruey and gouernance of this court, and procure the kyngis profite therof: And ye shall truely counsell the kyng and the Surueyours and Treasourer of this court in all thynges concernyng the same, to the best of your counnyng wytte and power, and with all spede and diligence from tyme to tyme, at the calling of the sayd surueyours and treasourer, you shall endeuour your selfe for the helyng and determination indifferently of such matters and causes, as shall depende befoze the sayd surueyours and treasourer: And that ye shall not take any gyfte oze rewarde in any mattier oze cause dependyng in the same court oze els where, wherin the kyng shalbe partie, wherby the kynges maiestie shall be hurted byndred oze disenherited: And further do all and euery thyng, that shall appertayne vnto your offyce, soo helpe you god and all sayntes.

Also that the mayster of the sayd woodes shall take a corporall othe befoze the sayd general Surueyours, after the tenour ensuyng. Ye shall sweare, that ye well and truely shall serue the kyng our soueraygne lord in the offyce of maister of the woodes of this court, and that ye shall make true sale and sales of all woodes and vnder woodes, belongyng to your office, accordyng to the auctoritie gyuen vnto you by this acte of generall Surueyours, oze any other act oze actes to be made concernyng the sayd generall Surueyours, for the kynges most aduantage, and nothyng concele, but trewe accompte make of all summes of money, receyued for the same, and all other profitess, wherwith ye shalbe lausfully charged by reason of your sayd offyce: Ye shall make no petition, nor aske allowaunce, but suche as shallbe good iuste true and reasonable: And ye shall do all and euery thyng and thynges, which ye ought to do by reason of your office, accordyng to the fourme and effecte of this acte, so helpe you god and all sayntes.

Also that euery of the sayd auditours shall take a corporall othe befoze the sayd general Surueyours, after the tenour ensuyng: Ye shall sweare, that ye shall well and truely serue the kyng in your office, and shall not take oze receyue of poore oze riche, any gyfte oze rewarde, in any matter oze cause dependyng oze to be discusse in the same court, but suche as shall be your ordinary fees: And ye shall do all and euery other thyng, whiche shall appertayn vnto your office, so helpe you god and all sayntes.

Also that euery of the sayde receyptours, shall take a corporall othe befoze the sayd general Surueyours, after the tenor ensuyng. Ye shall sweare, that ye truely shall serue the kyng in your office, & nothing concele, but true accompte make of all suche reuenues, rentes, summes of money, and other profitess, wherwith ye shalbe lausfully charged by reason of your said office: you shall make no petition nor aske allowaunce, but suche as shall be good iust & true  
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and reasonable: And ye shall do all and every thyng and thynges, whiche ye ought to do by reason of your office, accordyng to the fourme and effecte of this acte, so god you helpe and all sayntes.

¶ Also the sayd clerke of the courte shall take a corporall othe befoze the sayd general Surueyours after the tenour ensuyng. Ye shall sweare, that ye shall well and truly serue the kyng in your office of clerke of the sayd court, and truly do and execute all and every thinge and thynges, whiche ye ought to do by reason of your office, accordyng to the fourme and effecte of this acte. And ye shall also be attendaunt vnto the sayde generall Surueyours from tyme to tyme, as they shall requyre you, so helpe you god and all sayntes.

¶ Also that the sayde Messanger shall take a corporall othe befoze the sayde generall Surueyours of the sayde courte, after the tenour ensuyng: Ye shall sweare, that ye shall well and truly serue the kyng in your office of Messanger of this courte, as well in speedy seruyng all and synghuler processe to you to be deliuered without fraude counyn gyle or decept, as also making true and speedy certificat to this court of the same: and that you well and trulye do and execute all and every other thinge and thynges, which ye ought to do by reason of your sayd office, so helpe you god and all sayntes.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that as well all the sayd honours castels lordships manours meses landes tenementes rentes seruices tithes pencions portions aduousons patronages forrestes parkes chases watens woodes vnderwoodes and all other hereditamentes, as also all other thyng and thynges mencioned in the sayd Cedula, signed with the kynges sygne manuell, or whiche hereafter shall be compysed in any other cedula, hereafter to be signed by the kynges maiestie, as is aforesayde, and deliuered to the sayd generall surueyours, shall be onely in the order surueye rule and gouernaunce of the sayde courte.

¶ And be it enacted by thaurtoritie aforesayd, that the said general surueyours Treasourer attourney and maister of the woodes, or thye of theym, wherof the one of the sayde generall surueyours shalbe one, shall haue full power and auctoritie from hensforth, to call befoze them al and synghular recepuours, bayliffes, and all other offycers and ministers, accomptable to the kynges hyghnesse, and every of theym, and all and every other persone and persones, that now be, or that hereafter shall be accomptable, chargeable, or answerable to the kynges hyghnesse, of or for any thyng or thynges compysed or conteyned in the sayde Cedula, or that hereafter shall be compysed in any other Cedula, signed with the kynges sygne Manuell, and deliuered to the same Surueyours, as is aforesayde, and shall haue full power and auctoritie, from hensforth, to compelle the sayde accomptantes, to accompte befoze theym, and also to rreampne, here, and determine theyr accomptes, and all circumstaunces thereof, and to do, and execute all and everye thyng and thynges, in and vppon everye of the sayde accomptes, as welles for the sure payement and satisfaction of suche rentes, fermes, yssues, profits, reuenues, debtes, and dueties,



as bene oꝛ shall growe into the kynges byghnes by reason of the same, as in and foꝛ allowance and paymentes of fees wages diettes reparations vacations rentes resolute rewardes oꝛ other thynges what soo euer by theym thought requysite and conuenient by theyꝛ discretions. And generally shall haue full power and auctozitie, to leuy oꝛ cause to be leuyed to the kynges hse by al waies and meanes by their discretions. al and syngular the rentes fees issues reuenues pꝛofittes arrerages dettes and duties, that shall growe and be due to the kyng, of in oꝛ by reason of the honours castelles manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, comitted oꝛ to be comitted by auctozitie of this act, to the suruey rule oꝛder and gouernaunce of the sayde courte of surueyours, and of the officers and ministers therof afoꝛsayd. And that the sayd general surueyours tresorier attourney and maister of the woodes, oꝛ thye of them, as is afoꝛsayd, from hensfoꝛth, shall haue full power and auctozitie, to comytte all and euey the sayd accomptantes, and other persons, owyng any dettes oꝛ duittie to the kynges byghnes, by reason of the pꝛemisses oꝛ any of them, to pꝛyson, as well if they be founde in arrerages vpon theyꝛ accomptis, as if any of them do refuse to make their accomptes, as is afoꝛsayd, oꝛ pay theyꝛ said dettes, and to let them to baile and maynpꝛyse, oꝛ to any other suretie at all tymes, as they by their discretions shall thynke reasonable, as well foꝛ the sure payment therof, as also foꝛ the contentation and paymente of all suche arrerages foꝛsettes dettes and peynes as any of the sayd accomptauntes, oꝛ other shall be founde in: and all other thynges concernyng the pꝛemisses, and euey parte of them, as to theym shall seeme conuenient. And that the said general surueyours tresorier attourney and maister of the woodes, oꝛ thye of theym, as is abouesayde, shall haue full power and auctozitie, to acquitte and discharge all and euey accomptant and accomptantes, that haue oꝛ shall finishe and determine his oꝛ theyꝛ accompte oꝛ accomptes befoꝛe them, and all and syngular other persons, that shall pay iustely and trewely theyꝛ dettes due to the kyng by reason of the pꝛemisses, oꝛ any of them. And that all and syngular acquitaunces and Quierus est, signed by the sayd generall Surueyours Tresorier Attourney and maister of the woodes, oꝛ thye of them, as is abouesayde, shall be entolled in the recordes befoꝛe them, and shall be a good sufficient acquitaunce and discharge to the partie oꝛ parties, to whom they shall be made, to and foꝛ all maner such accomptes dettes and other thynges, foꝛ oꝛ concernyng the pꝛemisses, oꝛ any parte oꝛ parcell therof.

**¶** Be it also enacted by the sayde auctozitie, that the sayde general Surueyours, shall haue full power and auctozitie from hensfoꝛth, to conuenant dimitt let oꝛ let to ferme, foꝛ ferme of. xxi. yerres, oꝛ vnder, to any person oꝛ persons, any of the landes tenementes hereditamentes oꝛ other pꝛofittes what so euer they be, conteyned in the sayde cedula, oꝛ whiche hereafter shall be comprysed in any other cedula, to be signed and deliuered as is afoꝛsayd, oꝛ known reputed oꝛ taken, as parcel of the landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes conteyned in the sayde Cedula, oꝛ in any other Cedula hereafter to be signed and

and deliuered as is aforesayd. And also all and euery the landes tenementes and hereditamentes, whiche be oꝛ hereafter shall be conteyned and spectified in any chaumberlaynes accompte, recepuours accompte, baylyffes accompte, ministers accompte, oꝛ the accompte of any officer oꝛ officers, which may by force of this acte, oꝛ by auctoritie of any Cedula, signed oꝛ hereafter to be signed, and deliuered, as is aforesayd, be viewed examined seen oꝛ controlled by the sayde surueyours, by what so euer name oꝛ names the sayd landes tenementes and other the premisses, oꝛ any of them be called: the same lease oꝛ leases to be made in maner and fourme folowynge, That is to saye, that all and euery byll oꝛ bylles of lease of any of the premisses, foꝛ terme of xxi. yeres oꝛ vnder, wherof the yerely ferme oꝛ rent reserved shall extende and amount to the yerely value of. vi. li. xiii. s. iiii. d. oꝛ aboue, that shall be hereafter signed with the handes of the sayd general surueyours, shall be a sufficient and immediate warraunt vnto the kynges principall secretoꝛie foꝛ the tyme beinge, to make oꝛ cause to be made in the kynges name, letters of warraunt, sealed with the kynges signet, accordynge to the tenour forme and effecte of the sayde bill oꝛ bylles, to the lord keper of the kynges pryue seale: and therupon the lord pryue seale shall make oꝛ cause to be made other letters of lyke warrant, sealed with the pryue seale, to the lord Chauncellour of Englande, oꝛ lord keper of the kynges great seale, Chancellour oꝛ chamberlaynes of any his counties Palantynes, oꝛ principalitie of wales. And that the same warrant vnder the pryue seale, shall be a sufficient and immediate warrant to the Chancellour of England that now is, oꝛ that hereafter shall be, and to the chauncellour and chamberlaynes, and other officers of the counties palantynes and principalitie of wales that now be, and that hereafter shall be, to make and deliuer letters patentes vnder the kynges great seale, and other his graces seales, beinge in theyꝝ custodie, in due fourme to be made accordynge to the tenour effect purposse and course of the sayd pryue seales, to theym in that behalfe directed accordynge to the acte therof made, in the xxii. yere of the regne of our sayde soueraygne lord the kyng, payinge and yeldynge suche fees foꝛ the same, as well to the signette and pryue seale, as in the kynges Chancerie, as hath ben used and accustomed: and also payinge suche fees to the sayde Chauncellour and Chamberlaynes, and other officers of the sayde counties Palantynes, Chester, wales, and marches of the same, as also heretofore hath ben used foꝛ the same. And that al and euery byll and bylles of leases of any the premisses, foꝛ terme of. xxi. yeres, oꝛ vnder, wherof the rente and ferme reserved shall be vnder the yerely value of. vi. li. xiii. s. iiii. d. and signed as is aforesayd, shall be a sufficient and immediate warraunt to the Chauncellour of Englande foꝛ the tyme beinge, and to all other the kynges Chauncellours, Chamberlaynes and other officers in the county Palantyne of Chester and wales and the marches of the same, to make and deliuer letters patentes vnder the kynges greatte seale and other seales, accordynge to the tenour purposse effecte and course of the sayde byll vnto all and euery the aforesayd parties.

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**PROVIDED** alwaie that the sayde generall Surueyours for the time beinge, shall not hereafter, by auctoritie of this act, make any lease of the reuerſion of any of the sayde landes tenementes and other the premises, being then in lease, vnlesſe they haue a byll or warrant therof ſigned by the hande of the kynges maiestie, his heires or ſucceſſours. Also the sayde Clerke for the tyme beinge of the sayde court, shall entrolle and regeſter in a great boke of parchement, all and euery lease and leases, and all other wytynges, whiche shall be made and graunted as is abouesayde, of for or concernynge the premises, or any parte or parcell therof: whiche Regeſter of entolmentes shall remayne and be safely kepte in the sayde court, as a recoorde to the kynges vse, by the appoyntment of the sayd generall Surueyours. And that also the said clerke shall entre in to a boke the apparances of euery person, that shall be called to appere in the sayd court: and all actes decrees and orders, that shall be made by the sayde court, takynge ſuche fees for the same, and for wytyng and enrolling of any leases, letters patentes, or other wytynges, as the clark of the Duchy of Lancaster hath ben accustomed to take & haue.

Also the sayde generall Surueyours Treasourer Atturney and mapster of the woodes, or thre of them, as is aboue sayde, shall haue power and auctoritie, to take recognisances for all causes and matters nowe dependynge befoze the sayde generall Surueyours, or that hereafter shall depende in this court of generall Iurueyours, of for or concerning the premises, or any parcell therof: or of and for any dettes to be due to the kyng, or for any apparaunce to be made in the sayde court by reason of the same: and to cancell and discharge all ſuche recognisances by their discretions. And also shall haue full power and auctoritie, to awarde vnder the priuſe ſeale appointed to the same court, in the kynges name ſuch proceſſe and preceptes, with reſonable paynes to be therein limited, as be nowe commonly bled in the court of the kynges duchy chamber of Lancaster, agynſte euery person or persons what ſo euer they be, for or concernynge any thyng or thynges lymitted or appoynted to the order or ſuruey of the sayde court, for any the causes or matters afozesayde, and vpon any contempte to puniſhe the offendour by imprisonment, or other wyſe by their discretions.

Also it is ordeyned by the auctoritie afozesayde, that the sayde officers appoynted to the said court, shall diligently from tyme to tyme attende vppon the sayde generall Surueyours in the said court or els where, at the commaundement of the sayde Surueyours, for the hearyng and orderynge of matters and causes concernynge the same.

And be it also enacted, that euery of the sayd receyours general and particular, shall well diligently and effectually gather and leue to the kynges vse, all ſuche iſſues fermes dettes and profittes as shall be lymitted to his or their charge, and diſtayne for the same, if neede ſo requyre. And that euery of the sayde receyours and auditors general and particular, ſo ioynded to gether by the appoyntement of the sayd court, or the moſte parte of them, shall well and truly ſuruey all maner of reparations, nedefull to be done in or vpon any

pon any of the sayde manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes lympted and appoynted to his or theyr charge: the sayd reparations to be done to the kynges moste piosyte and least charge.

¶ And also it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesayd, that all the rentes fermes issues dettes and profittes of the said honours castels lordshippes manours landes tenementes, and of all other the premises, whiche be assigned to the order suruey and gouernance of the sayde courtte, as they shall growe due and be payable, shall be payed and deliuered at suche tyme, as hereafter in this acte shall be declared, to the handes of the sayde Treasourer, by euerye of the sayde receyuours generall and partycular, or by suche other as shalbe indetted to the kyng, to be safely kepte to the kynges vse, vpon payne of forfayture of his or theyr offices and fees.

¶ And also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayde auditours, as they shall be assigned, shall yerely ryde to the parte to hym or them to be limited, betwene the feast of saynt Michaell the archaungell and the Natyuitie of our lord, and take the accompte of all baptysses reues fermours tenants and occupiers of the manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes within the lymittes of his or theyr assignement. And immediately vppon euery suche accompte, so to be made and determyned, or befoze the sayde feast of the Natyuitie of our lord, the sayde accomptantes and euery of them, shall well and truly content and paye, or cause to be contented and payde to the receyuour therinto deputed, or to be reputed, all suche dettes duties and arerages, as they and euery of them shal be found in, and charged with vpon euery suche accompt, vpon payne of forfayture of his or their offices and fees.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that all Receyuours and Chamberlaynes now accomptantes, and all other receyuours and Chamberlaynes, whiche hereafter shall be accomptantes, of or for any the premises, conteinied in the sayde Cedula, vpon lyke payne as is aforesayd, shal yerely befoze the fyfthe dape of Marche make and synyshe theyr accomptes, befoze the auditour or auditours, therinto to be assigned, of and for al thynges belonging to theyr offices, for the hole yere ended at the feast of saynt Michaell tharchangell nexte pcedyng the sayde fyfthe dape of Marche: And immediately vpon the same accompt so to be made synished and determined, or befoze the .xx. dape of Marche then nexte folowynge, shall contente and paye to the sayd Treasorer, all suche duties dettes and arerages, as they or any of them shall be charged with and founde in, vpon the determination of euery suche accompte, vpon lyke payne, as is afoze sayd.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayde auditours Receyuours generall and partycular, at all tymes vppon watynge gyuen to them by the sayde courtte, shall assemble together, as well for the orderynge of the sayd honours castelles lordshippes manours landes tenementes and other the premises, as of the tenants of the same, from tyme to tyme, as the case shal require, as for the viewynge and determination of the sayd accomptes to be



tes to be made therof befoze the sayde courtte.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesayd, that al the accomptes of euery yere to be ended at the feast of saynt Michaell tharchangell, of the sayd recepuours Chamberlaynes baylyffes reues fermours and occupiers of the sayd honours manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes aforesaide, shalbe well and perfectly engrossed in parchement by the sayde audytours, and delyuered into the sayde courtte, safelye to be kepte to the kynges vse euery yere yerely befoze the Statuittie of saynte John Baptist nexte ensunge the sayde feast of saynte Michaell tharchangell, vpon payne to forfeyte theyr office and fees.

¶ Also be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the Treasourer of the sayde courtte shall yerely accompt befoze the sayde generall Surueyours Ittourtney and Maister of the woodes, or afoze the mooste parte of them, or afoze suche person or persones, as the kynges highnes his heires and successours, shall therunto name and appoynt, as well of for and concernynge all and euery the receytes issues and profyties of his office of Treasourerthyp of this courtte, as of all and euery the receytes issues profyttes dettes and thynges concernynge his office of Treasourerthyp of the kynges Chamber: and that they so heerynge the same accompte, shall haue full auctoritie and power, to allowe and disallowe vnto the sayde Treasourer al and euery thyng or thynges to be allowed and disallowed vpon his accompte, as by theyr discretions shall be thought mete and conuenient.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the clarkes of the pety bagge in the kynges Chauncery, shall extrete and certifie into the sayde courtte of generall Surueyours a true and iuste transumpt of all offices and inquisitions hereafter to be found and taken, of for and concernynge any castelles honours manours landes tenementes hereditamentes or other possessions, whiche at any tyme hereafter shall come and be in the kynges handes and possession, by reason of any attayndour conuicton or other forfeiture, be it by wyrt commission or otherwise returnable in the sayde Chauncery, in like maner and fourin as they haue be accustomed to do in the kynges Eschequer in suche cases, and vpon lyke paynes, and shall not from hensforth be compelled to certifie any transcriptes of such offices or inquisitions in to the kynges Eschequer as they were accustomed, any lawe statute custome or other thyng or thynges to the contrary therof had or made in any wyse notwithstandinge. And that all inquisitions hereafter to be taken Virture officii, for or concernynge the pzemisses or any of them, shall be immediatlye returned and certified into the sayd courtte of Surueyours and not elles where, vpon lyke payne as is limited and hath be vled for none certificate of suche offences in to the kynges eschequer, any lawe vse or custome to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayd maister of the sayd woodes for the tyme beyng, shall suruey or cause to be surueyed, as well all the woodes and vnderwoodes, whiche be or hereafter shalbe with  
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in the order suruey and rule of the sayd court, as all and singular the woodes and underwoodes in the kynges forestis chases parkes and landes of his highnes olde inheritaunce of his crowne from tyme to tyme, as he shall thinke conuenient by his discretion, and shall haue full power and auctorite by the assent of the sayd court, without warrant of the kynges hyghnesse, to make sale and sales of all and singular the sayd woodes and underwoodes vpon open proclamations thereof to be made in the churche market or other place nexte adioynnge to the same woodes so to be solde, forseyngge alwayes that the saide woodes be fenced from tyme to tyme, as here shall require, for the increase therof.

**¶** Provided alwayes that the sayd sales of woodes do not extende to greate timber, without the kynges warrant for the same.

**¶** Also be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that al and singular suche summes of money, as shall be receyued for the sale of the sayde woodes and underwoodes or any part of the same, shall be deliuered yerely before the feast of all sayntes by the sayd master of the woodes, to the Tresourer of the sayd court for the tyme being to the kynges vse.

**¶** Also be it enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that no timber or woode requisite and necessary for the reparations of any the castels manours places messuages tenementes pales and rayles of parkes, as wel suche as be in the occupation tenure and holdynge of any the kynges fermours and tenants, as also all other whiche be in the kynges handes, beinge any of the castelles manours places messuages or tenementes aforesayde, shall be taken for the same, onlesse they be appoynted and deliuered by the Maister of the sayde woodes for the tyme beinge, with thassent of the sayde court, within whose suruey the sayde woodes are growynge.

**¶** Also be it enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that the Maister of the sayde woodes shall make yerely in the terme of saynt Michael the atchangel a full true and perfecte accompte before the sayd court, of all and euery the wodes as well of for and concernynge all and euery summe and summes of money, concernynge the sayde office, as of and for all and euery other thing and thinges that shall belonge and apperteyne to the same.

**¶** Also be it enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that the sayde general surueyours and maister of the sayde woodes for the tyme beinge, shall declare yerely to the kynges highnes the profites and summes of money comynge growynge and risynge of and vpon the sale of al and singular woodes within his sayde office.

**¶** Provided also and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that this act ne any thyng therein conteyned, be in any wyse prejudiciall or hurtfull to the Justices wardens stewards licutenantes or clerkes of the Swanninotes of any forrestes parkes or chases, for or concernynge any of theyr offices powers or auctorities: but onely for and concernynge surueyng of woodes and woodsales to be hadde and made in any parke forrest and chase, and the punishment of the offenders therein, and the stamping rulyng and orderynge of the



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¶ And it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the maister of the woodes shall perely pay or cause to be payde of suche summes of money, as shall perely rise and come of the sayd woodsales, so to be made in parkes foresses and chases of the kynges olde inheritance of his graces crowne, all and all maner of fees and wages, as hath ben of olde tyme accustomed to be payde by the kyng for the exercising of any office within the sayd parkes foresses and chases, accordyng to a certificat by wryting therof to be made vnto the sayd maister of the woodes, by and from the Justices of foresses or any of them, or any their deputie or deputies in the same office, sealed and subscribed by them or any of them.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayd maister of the woodes for the tyme being, shall make payment for all and all maner of reparacions nedeful to be done in and vpon any pale taylor & lodge within any of the sayd parkes foresses and chases, and assigne tymbre for the same, vpon any request therof to be made in wryting by and from the sayd Justices of foresses. And the sayd maister of the woodes shall allowe all maner of fetwell and byouse to be spende and occupied within the sayd parkes foresses and chases, as it hath ben of olde tyme there vled and accustomed.

¶ And it is also provided and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the maister of the woodes shall not make any wood sale within the parkes chases and foresses aforesaid, or any of them, but by the assente of the Justices of foresses for the tyme beinge, within whose auctoritie suche foresses chases and parkes benne, any thynge in this acte conteyned to the contrarye notwithstandinge.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all maner of proces that shalbe made out of the kynges Eschequer to or agaynst any persone or persons, for any ferines rentes issues or profits, or other thynge concernyng the premisses, or any part therof limited by this acte to be in the suruey order and governance of the sayd court and the ministers therof, shalbe clerely voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Also it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayd generall surueyours and Tresourer shall perely declare to the kynges highnes the state of the clere pelye value of the sayd honours castels lordshippes manours landes tenementes rentes pensions portions tithes and other hereditamentes, and other the premisses, and what remaineth thereof in the handes of the sayde Tresourer.

¶ Provided alwayes and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that all such manours messuages landes tenementes rentes reuerstions and other hereditamentes, whiche in any maner of wyse heretofore hath bene or hereafter shalbe in the handes or possession of our sayd soueraigne lord the kyng, his heires or successours, by auctoritie of any attainder exchequer or forfayture, felonyng and being in the countie Palatyn of Lancaster, may at the free wyllybertie and pleasure of our sayd soueraigne lord be assigned limited and appoynted

appointed vnto the order surueying letting and letting of the Chancellours and officers of his sayd duchy, in as large & ample maner & forme as the said chancellour and officers of the sayd duchy of Lancaster, haue heretofore had vsed and exercised of: vpon any the manors landis tenementes or hereditamentes apperteyning or in any wyse belonging to the sayd Duchy, this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ And it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that as well the sayd acte of the generall Suruepours, made in the sayd. xiiii. and. xv. yeres, as also the sayd acte therof made in the. xxvii. yere of the reigne of our sayd soueraigne loyde kyng Henry the eight that now is, and euery article clause and matter therein conteyned, shall be from the fyrst day of Maye, whiche shall be in the yere of our loyde god. M. D. lxi. utterly voyde and of none effect.

¶ Provided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all leases grauntes pprocesses orders decrees and al and euery other thyng or thinges heretofore lawfully executed and done by the sayd generall suruepours, and all and euery other thyng or thynges nowe remaynyng or dependyng before them vndiscussed and vndetermined by vertue of the sayd former actes, shall be of the same force value strengthe and effect, as they nowe be or shuld haue ben, if this acte had neuer be had or made.

¶ Provided also that this act nor any article clause or thyng therein conteyned, shall extend to any landes tenementes possessions or hereditamentes, which nowe be or hereafter shall be in the suruey rule order and gouernance of the kynges court of the Augmentations of the reuenues of his crowne, nor shall geue power vnto the sayd court of Suruepours to make any lease or to take any accompt of or for the same, any thyng conteyned in this act to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandinge.

¶ Provided also that this acte ne any thyng therein conteyned, extend or be in any wyse prejudiciall or hurtfull to any the generall suruepours nowe beinge, nor to any auditour or auditours, recepuour or recepuours, surueitour or suruepours, or to any other officer or officers, of for or concernyng any of the sayde castelles honours manours landes tenementes hereditamentes pofittes or casualties, or any other the premises, or any parte thereof: but that they and euery of them shal & may haue & enioy their offices, accordyng to the purpozt tenour and effect of the sayd severall letters patentes & grauntes, as wel of the kinges maiesty as of any other person, therof to them and euery of them heretofore made, any article clause or matter in this present act mentioned or declared to the contrary therof in any wise not withstanding.

¶ And where the kinges highnes of late, by auctoritie of parliament holde at westm in the. xxvii. yere of his gracis reigne, hath erected a certayn court callid the court of the Augmentations of the reuenues of his crown, and by the same made the same a court of recorde: and by the same act hath assigned limited and appoynted dyuers manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes to be in the order suruey and gouernace of the same court, with dyuers other articles and clauses in the same act expressed and declared. And

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where also by one other act of parliament, begun and holden at westm, the xxviii. day of Apryl, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of the kyng our souerayne lord. and by diuers prouocations contynued vntyll the. xxi. daye of May, in the. xxi. yere of our sayd soueraigne lord: It was enacted and established, that certayn liberties franchises iurisdictions and preeminences concerning the same manors landes and other hereditametes, shuld be reuind & be in the order rule and suruey of the same court, to al intentes & purposes, as by the same act made in the sayd. xxi. yere of the reigne of our sayd souerain lord. at large doth & may more plainly appere: Be it now ordeyned established and enacted by thautozite of this present parliament, that the same act concerning the establishment of the said court of augmentations of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, And also the said acte for reuyning of liberties, shal fro hensforth for ever stand & abide in their ful strength effect & vertue, after & accordyng to the true intent & mening of the same seueral actes afoze sayd. ¶ And where the kynges maiesty for diuers considerations & respectes hath taken bought and purchased of dyuers of sundrye his graces subiectes for redy money, promysed to be payde by his graces officers and surueyours, diuers manors landes tenentes rentis reuertions woodes & other hereditametes, as wel by small parcels as otherwise, and part therof hath ben enclosed into parkes orchardes or gardens, & the party or parties haue not ben paid for lacke of warrantes signed by the kynges most gracious hande, and haue ben compelled oft & sundry tymes to refoze to officers of the sayd court of augmentations, for the spedy paymet of their said dutte or duties, to their inestimable costis & charges: And where also diuers & sundry of the late gouernours & rulers of houses of religion, now remaining in the kynges handes, were & be iustly and truly indetted, & do yet owe to sundry of the kynges subiectes being very poze men, aswell for wages vitales prouision for their houses & money lent & other iust true and good causes, conuerted to the vse of thep houses: many & great sumes of money, for the paymet wherof the same parties haue made & dayly do make continuall cōplayntes & suite to the same court of augmentations for their spedy payment: and many of the same parties satisfied & contented by the sayd court of augmentations, and as yet a great number of them be to be satisfied contented & payd, which paymentes & satisfactions aswell made as to be made do require especial warrantes signed with the kynges most gracious hand. The lack wherof hath be & is like to be not only a great delay to the kynges true & louing subiectes, for the spedy payment of their dettes & duties to them due, but also shuld & shalbe a tedious & a continual traueyl vnto the kynges maiesty for the often spynnyng of the same. In consideration wherof be it enacted ordeyned & established, by thautozite of this present parliament, that aswel al paymentes & satisfactions heretofore paid as hereafter to be paid by the tresorer & pricular receiuors for the time being of the same court, by the decree or comandement in wytyng of the chancelor, by the assent of the counsell of the same court, or the more part of them, for the purchasing or buyng of any manors landes tenementes or other hereditamentes al-

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redy taken boughte purchaseth or enclosed by the kynges commaundement his heires or successours, or hereafter to be taken bought purchaseth or enclosed, as is aforesayd, as also for the recompence and satisfaction of all lawful good true and iust dettes and expences, as well payed as hereafter to be payed by the sayde treasourer or particular recepuour or recepuours, by the warrant of the sayd Chauncellour in wytyng, by the assent of the sayde counsell or the moze part of them, as is aforesayd (not exceeding to any one person. CC. li.) Shall be good and effectual in the lawe agaynst our sayde souerayne lord the kyng his heires and successours for ever, to all ententes and purposes: And that the sayd treasourer and particular recepuour, theyr heires executors and administratours, for the sayde several paymentes by warrant witten of the sayde Chauncellour in fourme aforesayd, shall be clerely exonerated acquitted and discharged to all ententes and purposes: And that the same treasourer & recepuour and recepuours theyr heires executors and administratours, shall be allowed discharged & acquitted thereof upon his or theyr declaration of accompt before the Chauncellour and counsaile of the same court, or upon his or theyr accompt made to the auditor appoynted or assigned by the sayde Chauncellour, to take and here the accompt of the same Treasourer or recepuour or recepuours, theyr executors or administratours.

**AND** where byuers and sundry obligations and specialties heretofore haue ben made to byuers persons, part of them to the vse of kyng Henry the six. father of our now most gracious souerayne lorde, and part of them to the vse and behoofe of our said now souerayne lorde: Be it enacted by the kyng our souerayne lorde, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that all obligations and specialties, which after the first day of May next commynge, shall be made for any cause or causes, touchyng or in any wise concerning the kynges most royal maiesy or his heires, or to his or theyr vse comoditie or behoofe, shall be made to his highnes and to his heires kynges in his or theyr name or names by these wordes, *Domino regi*, and to none other person or persons to his vse, and to be payde to his highnes by these wordes, *Soluend. eid. domino regi, hered. uel executoribus suis*, with other wordes used and accustomed in common obligations. And that al suche obligations & specialties so to be made, shall be good and effectual in the lawe to all purposes and ententes, and shall be of the same nature kynd qualite force and effect to all ententes & purposes, as the wrytinges obligatorie taken and knowleged accorpyng to the statute of the Staple at westm. hary at any tyme before the makynge of this present acte, ben taken used exercised & executed against any lay pson or psons, any lawe usage or custome to the contrary thereof notwithstanding. And that al such obligations & specialties, the dett wherof being not paid nor contented in the life of the kyng, shall come remain & be to the heires or executors of the kyng, at the fre libertie disposition assignement & apoyntment of the same kyng, to whom such obligations or specialties shall be made as is aforesaid. And if any pson or persons in his or their own proper



person or persones, after the said fyfthe daye of May, make or take any obligation or obligations to the vse of the kynges maiestie, or of his heires kynges, otherwise than is before expressed: that than suche person or persons only that shal so offend, contrary to this present act, for his or their so doing, shal haue and suffer such imprisonment as shalbe assessed and adiudged by the kyng, or his most honorable counsell, dayly attendant vpon his highnes most roiall person. And that al suites to be made after the fyfth day of April next commynge for the recovery of or for any the kynges dettes, in any the kynges courtes mencionid in this act, of or vpon any obligation or specialty, dated or deliuered before the makinge of this present act, or whiche shal be dated and deliuered to the kyng or to his vse, afore the second day of May next commynge, shal be taken seised and pursued in the name of the kyng, and in the name of none other person or persons, to what so euer person or persons the sayde obligations or specialties or any of them, be haue ben or shal be made to the kynges vse. And that all suites processe iudgements decrees and executions hereafter to be taken pursued or gyuen for the kyng in any the kynges courtes, mencioned in this acte, of for or vpon any of the same obligations last afore mencioned, shal be of the same or lyke strengthe force effecte and intent in the lawe to all purposes onely agaynst all and all maner suche persone and persones as ben bounden in suche obligations or specialties, as well spirituall as temporell, as agaynst theyr heires successours executors and admynistratoys and euer of them, & agaynst none other, as wrytynges obligatoies taken and knowledged accordynge to the statute of the staple at Westmynster at any tyme before the makinge of this present acte, haue ben vsed to be taken exercised and executed agaynst any laye persone or persons. And that the kyng in all suites hereafter to be taken in or vpon any obligation or specialties, made or hereafter to be made to the kyng, or any to his vse, shal haue and recouer his iuste dettes costes and dammages, as other common persones vse to do in suites and pursutes for their dettes. And that al suche suites as now be dependynge in the name of any common persone to his graces vse, wherof no verdict is or before the feast of Easter next commynge shalbe gyuen or passed, or no exigende awarded, shal abate be voyde and of none effecte. And neuer the lesse the kyng by the auctoritie afore sayd, shal haue his sulte and remedy for the sayde dette soo beynge in action and processe, in fourme as is afore sayd, in any of the courtes in this act mencioned, any thynge in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie abouesayde, that all and euerie suite and suites, whiche hereafter shal be hadde made or taken, of for or vpon any dette or duties, which heretofore hath growen or be due, or shal hereafter shal growe or be due to the kyng, in the seuerall offices and courtes of his Eschequer, Duchy of Lancaster, Augmentations of the reuenues of his crowne, Surueours generall of his manours landes and tenementes, Wapster of the wardes and liveryes, and court of the fyfth frutes and tenthes, or in any of theym, or by reason or auctoritie of any of them, shal be seue-

be severally sued in suche one of the sayd courttes and offices, in the whiche courtte and office, oꝛ by reason of the whiche court and office, the same dette oꝛ dueitie shalbe by the growe oꝛ become to be dewe, oꝛ hereafter shal growe oꝛ become dewe, oꝛ in the whiche office oꝛ court the recognisaunce obligacion oꝛ specialtie is oꝛ shal be oꝛ remaine. And every suche severall suite and suites shal be made in every of the sayde severall offices and courttes under the severalle scales of the sayde severall courttes, by Capias, Extendi facias, Sub pena, attachment, and proclamations of allegraunce, if neede shal require, oꝛ any of theym, oꝛ otherwys, as unto the sayde severalle courttes shal be thought by theiꝝ discretions expedient foꝛ the speede recovery of the kynges debtes. And that the sayde courtte of Eschequer, and all and every of the sayde courttes, shal have hole and full auctoritie and power, to here and determine all and every suche suite and suites as hereafter shal be taken commenced and pursued foꝛ the intent aboue specified, and therupon to awarde make and do execution by and vpon the bodie landes and goodes of the party oꝛ parties that so shalbe condemned accoꝛdyngly. And also shal have full power and auctoritie, to heare and determine all and al maner of dettes trespasses trespasses accomptes reconynges wastes dysceytes negligences defaultes contemptes complayntes troces quarells suites strifes controversies foꝛsytures offences and other thynges what soo ever they shal be, whiche hereafter shal growe be moved stirred procured pursued oꝛ arysen in foꝛ oꝛ vpon any matter cause oꝛ other thyng assigned committed oꝛ appoynted oꝛ hereafter to be assigned committed oꝛ appoynted to the severall directions orders and gouvernaunces of the same courttes oꝛ any of them, oꝛ foꝛ oꝛ vpon any maner of thyng oꝛ thynges, whiche may oꝛ shal touche oꝛ in any wyse concerne the same, wherin the kyng shal be onely partie: And also all maner of states foꝛ terme of yeres betwene party and party concerning the pꝛemysse, and to correcte and punyssh by their discretions all and every persone and persones, whiche before them shal be convicted of any of the pꝛemysse, accoꝛdyng to the nature qualitie and quantitie of his oꝛ theiꝝ offence oꝛ offences, cause oꝛ causes, matter oꝛ matters, al and all maner of treasons murders felonies estates rightes titles and interestes, as well of inheritance as of freholde, other than tynnters foꝛ terme of lyfe onely excepted and alwayes reserved.

And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any persone oꝛ persons shal make oꝛ pꝛetende any clayme right title interest oꝛ possession, in oꝛ to any manours landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes, bargayned solde oꝛ exchaunged, oꝛ hereafter to be bargayned solde oꝛ exchaunged by the kyng our soueraygne lord, to any person oꝛ persons in fe simple oꝛ fee tayle, by his highnes letters patentes made oꝛ to be made therof under his great scale of Englande, vpon whiche letters patentes there is oꝛ shalbe reserved any annual rentes oꝛ fermes payable to the kynges highnes his heires oꝛ successors in his sayde courtte of Augmentacions, oꝛ demaunde oꝛ alke any rentes annuities offices fees oꝛ other profittes in out oꝛ of any suche manours landes



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in his sayd court of Augmentations: Oꝛ if the kyng his heyyes oꝛ succes-  
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Augmentations, in any letters patentes made oꝛ hereafter to be made, as is  
aforesayde: That then the Chauncellour of the sayde court of Augmenta-  
tions, by the assent of the counsaile of the sayde court, oꝛ the moze parte of  
them, shall haue power and auctoritie by auctoritie of this act, to examyne al  
such demandes rightes titles interestes and possessions, rentes annuities of-  
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euery of them so to be demanded pretended claimed oꝛ asked, as is aforesayd,  
and by wytnes pꝛofes and other wayes and meanes by theyꝝ discretions, to  
here and determine the same. And in case the kynges patentees in any suche  
letters patentes as is aforesayde, oꝛ any of them, theyꝝ heyyes successours oꝛ  
assignes, shall be compelled by the auctoritie of the sayd court of Augmen-  
tations, by decre oꝛ iudgement of the same court, to render and yelde to any  
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che in money of the kynges treasure remayninge in the sayde court of Aug-  
mentations, as the sayde manours landes tenementes rentes annuities of-  
fices fees oꝛ other pꝛofytes oꝛ hereditamentes, losse oꝛ recouered by decree oꝛ  
iudgement of the sayde court of Augmentations, as is aforesayd, shall be  
woꝛthe to be solde, oꝛ otherwise discharge and acquite such person oꝛ persons  
therof accoꝛdyng to his oꝛ theyꝛ letters patentes, as also to make and take  
oꝛder direction decree and iudgemente foꝛ the kynge his heyyes and succes-  
sours, foꝛ the recouerie attaynyng and haupng of all and synghular suche  
manours landes tenementes rentes annuities offices fees pꝛofytes and he-  
reditamentes, and all and euery other thyng and thynges, whiche the king  
his heyyes and successours by and vpon suche examynation and examinati-  
ons, ought shulde and shall be iustly intituled to haue recouer possede oꝛ inioy  
in fee synple oꝛ in fee tayle: And the same decree direction oꝛder and iudge-  
ment to be good and effectuell in the lawe, to bynde all parties and pꝛuiues  
to the same to al intentes and purposes. And where any decree oꝛ iudgement  
whiche shall be gyuen in the sayd court of augmentations foꝛ any the pꝛemiss-  
ses, extende to the losse of the kynges patentee oꝛ patentees theyꝛ heyyes suc-  
cessours executors oꝛ administratours, but foꝛ terme of lyfe oꝛ lynes of the  
demaundante oꝛ demaundauntes, pleintife oꝛ pleyntifes, oꝛ foꝛ terme of ye-  
res, the losse wherof the king is bounden and ought to recompense discharge  
oꝛ acquite by his letters patentes: than the sayde Chauncellour of the aug-  
mentations shall haue full power and auctoritie to recompence oꝛ discharge  
the same in money, as is aforesayd, oꝛ els to recompence the same of the lan-  
des tenementes hereditamentes and possessions lymitted to the surueye and  
gouernaunce of the sayde court of Augmentations, to be graunted vnder  
the seale of the same court by the dyscretion of the sayde Chauncellour, as  
shall seme to hym best foꝛ the kynges pꝛofit, without any byll oꝛ warrant to  
be sued oꝛ signed by oꝛ from the kynge foꝛ the same. And that euery suche re-  
compence satisfaction and discharge, to be made by auctoritie of this acte, to  
any person oꝛ persons by the sayde Chauncellour, as is aforesayde, shall be  
good and effectuell agaynst the kynge his heyyes and successours, any lawe  
vsage oꝛ custome to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie abouesayde, that euerye of the  
sayde courttes shall haue full power and auctoritie, by force of this acte, to  
set suche fines penalties and amerciamentes vpon parties, offysers officers  
and other persones, foꝛ his and theyꝛ defaults, contemptes negligences oꝛ  
mysdemours



misdeinourous, as vnto the sayde courtes o: vnto any of them shall be reasonably considered and thought expedient. And that all and euery tpyal and tpyalles, of all and all maner of suites billes pleyntes informations declarations complenyntes aunsweres replications allegations causes matters and issues o: any of them, to be pursued made o: tried in the sayde seuerall courtes o: any of them, shall be made and tryed by due examination of wytnes wytynges, p:ofes, o: by suche other wayes o: meanes, as by the sayde seuerall courtes, o: by any of them shall be thought expedient. And that all and euery suche iugement and iugementes decree o: decrees examination and examinations, shall be good perfect and in full strength fo:ce and effecte in the law to al intentes constructions and purposes.

**¶** And where dyuerse and sundry persons stand bounden to the kynges highnes in dyuerse great and notable summes of moneye, by recognisaunce o: o:ther bondes, in the sayde seuerall courtes fo: dettes due to the kynges highnes, as well fo: the purchase of landes and woodes and perfourmaunce of conditions, as also fo: dyuers and sundry other causes: And albe it the same persons haue wel and trewely satisfied contented and payed the same dettes, o: perfourmed the conditions of the same recognisaunces o: other bondes, yet the same recognisaunces o: other bondes can not be made voyde without the kynges especiall warrant, whiche shuld be moche inquietnes to the kynges maiestie, and also very chargeable to his graces subiectes, to sue to his highnes frome tyme to tyme fo: the same. In consideration wherof, and fo: as moche as the sayde persons beinge so bounden by recognisaunce, o: in o:ther bondes, maye by dyuerse casualties lose they: acquitaunces, wherby gret daunger and peryll maye growe to them they: heyres executours and successors: Be it therfoze enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lo:de, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that vpon the sight of the acquitaunces, made o: to be made fo: the paymente of the sayde dette o: dettes o: summe o: summes of money, growen o: to be growen, o: due and sufficient p:ofe made o: hereafter to be made befoze the sayde seuerall heade officers fo: the tyme beyng of the sayde seuerall courtes, as the case shal rise o: growe, o: if the condition of the same recognisaunce o: bonde be perfourmed o: kepte: That than euery suche seuerall heade offycer, fo: that recognisaunce taken o: to be taken by hym o: any of his p:edecessours, o: fo: any o:ther bonde fo: tyme beyng within his charge and cure, shall haue full power and auctoritie to cancell and make voyde the sayde recognisaunce o: o:ther bonde, callinge to hym suche of the same courte as to hym o: them shal seme mooste conueniente fo: the cancellation of the same recognisaunce o: bonde.

**¶ AND BE IT ENACTED** by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the same cancellation so made, shall be a sure and sufficient dyscharge of the same recognisaunce o: other bonde, to all and euery suche person o: personnes, as doo o: shall stande bounden in the same recognisaunce o: bonde, so cancel-

so cancelled agaynst the kynges hyghnes his heyyes executours and successours for ever.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the same seuerall head officers for the tyme being, in every of the sayd seuerall courtes, shall haue full power and auctoritie to discharge cancelle or make void by his or the sayd discretion, all and singular recognisances now made or hereafter to be made in the sayd court, for any apparance or other contempt. And that the same head officer or officers, and the parties so bounden and to be bounden, to be discharged agaynst the kyng our sayd soueraygne lord his heyyes executours and successours for the cancellation of the same recognisance.

¶ And where the kynges maiestie sithen the makynge of the same estatute in the sayd xxviii. yere of his noble reygne, of his owne mere motion liberalitie and benignitie, hath frely giuen and graunted by his sundry letters patentes vnder his great scale of England, vnto dyuers and sundry of the nobles and lordes, as well spirituall as temporell of this his realme, and also vnto dyuers and many other persons and bodies politike, to their heyyes and successours, and to the heyyes of their bodies, or for terme of lyfe or lyues, dyuers and many sundry honours castelles manours landes tenementes rectories pensions portions and other hereditamentes, whiche than were in the order gouernance and suruey of the same court of the Augmentations of the reuenues of his graces crowne, or out of any other of the sayde seuerall courtes, reseruyng vnto his maiesty his heyyes and successours by the same letters patentes, one pecely rent in the name of one tenth, or the tenth part of the pecely value of the same premises, or any other rent payable and to be payed in the same courtes, or to the officers of the same courtes deputed and assigned for the same, at one certayne feast or day in the same letters patentes mencioned and declared, whiche sayd persons so aduanced, not withstanding they haue sithen and after the makynge of the same letters patentes peaceably enioyed the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes so giuen, and therof haue quietly perceyued and taken the issues reuenues and profittes therof: yet neuerthelesse dyuers of the same personnes haue not at the dayes and feastes assigned and lymitted vnto them in the same letters patentes, nor yet in longe tyme after the same dayes and feastes of payment therof, contented and payd in the same courtes, or to the officers of the same courtes assigned and deputed for the same, the said pecely rent or rentes so reserued to the kynges hyghnes, contrary to the sayd duties, and agaynst all reason and good conscience. In consideration wherof be it therefore now ordeyned enacted and establisshed, by the assent of the kynges maiestie, the lordes spirituall and temporell, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any persone, of what estate degree or condition so euer he be, or body politike, to whom the kynges maiestie hath by his letters patentes vnder his great scale of Englande, or vnder the great scale of the same court of Augmentations, giuen or graunted, or hereafter shall giue or graunt, with lyke reseruacion of rent



of rentes, any manours landes tenementes rectories or other hereditamentes what so euer, whiche were or hereafter shall be in the order gouernance and suruey of the same courtes, or any of theyn, to be had to them and theyr heires or successours, or for any other estate of inheritaunce, or for terme of lyfe or lyues, yeldynge and reseruyng to the same our sayde soueraigne lord the kynge his heires and successours, one yerele rent at one certayne daye or feast in the same letters patentes expressed mentioned and declared, and to be payed in to the same courtes, that if the same persons bodies politike theire heires successours or assignes, or any of them, do not truly content or paye, or cause to be contented or payd vnto the tresourer of the sayd sewerall courtes, or to the generall or particular recepuour of the same sewerall courtes, deputed and assigned for the same for the tyme beyng, to the vse of the kynges highnes, at the daye or feast lymitte by the same letters patentes, or within thre monethes nexte and immediately after the same daye or feast of payement therof, all suche summes of moneye, whiche ben or hereafter shall be due reserued to the kynges maiestie his heires and successours, by the same letters patentes or by any of them, or make sufficient tender therof to the sayd Tresourer or general or particular recepuor: that than euery of the same persons, bodies politike, theire heires successours or assignes, for lacke and default of payement of the same rente, to forsaite and lose to the kynges maiestie his heires and successours as moche money as the fourth parte of the same rent so reserued or hereafter to be reserued for one yere, doth or shall amount vnto, for and in the name of one peyne, ouer and aboue the same rente reserued or hereafter to be reserued. And if it happen the same persones bodies politike, theire heires successours or assignes or any of the, do not within one halfe yere next after the day or feast expressed in the same letters patentes, content or pay, or lawfully tender vnto the same Tresourer, or generall or particular recepuor, to the vse of the kynges maiestie his heires or successours, as well the sayde yerele rente so reserued or hereafter to be reserued, as also the sayd summe of money forsaite for and in the name of a peyne: that then the same persons bodies politike, theire heires successours or assignes, so offendynge, shal forsaite and lose to the kynges maiestie his heires and successours, so moche money as the mopty or halfe deale of the same rent reserued or to be reserued for one yere, doth or shall amount vnto, ouer and aboue the sayd rent reserued or to be reserued, and so to forsaite and lose for euery half yere after, so moche money as the hole rente reserued or to be reserued, for one hole yere, doth or shall amounte vnto, vntill the same rent so reserued or to be reserued, and the arerages of the same, and also the sayde summes of money so forsaite and losse for a peyne, ben vnto the same Tresourer or generall or particular recepuor truly satisfied contented and payed, to the vse of the kynges highnes his heires and successours.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that it shall be lefull to the same Tresourer and generall or particular recepuor, to distrayne as well for the same rente so reserued or to be reserued, and for the arerages of the same,

the same, as also for the sayde summes of money so forsaite or to be forsaite and losse, for and in the name of the peyne aforesayde. And also the heade officer or officers of either of the same courtes for the tyme beinge, vpon certificate to hym made or to be made of the same defaulte and contempte, shall and maye awarde suche proces out of the same courtes agaynst the same offender for not payinge of the sayde rente so reserued, or to be reserued, and also for the same summes of money forsaite and to be forsaite by this acte, as by his or theyr discretion shall seme conueniente.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any personne or persones hereafter make lawefull payment to any of the sayde Treasurers or generall or particular recepuour of any of the same courtes, Deputed and assigned for the same, of any summe or summes of money due to the kynges highnes his heires or successours, for any pecely rente or tenth, and vpon or after suche paymente offer vnto the same Treasurer or generall or particular recepuour, one lawfull and sufficiente acquitaunce ready made to be assigned by the same Treasurer or generall or particular recepuour, w<sup>th</sup>nesynge the receypte of the sayde summe or summes of moneye so payed: that then the sayde Treasurer generall or particular recepuour, shall with his owne hande assigne the same acquitaunce, without takynge any fee or rewarde for makynge of the same acquitaunce, vpon peyne to forsaite and lose for euery tyme offendynge contrarie to this acte. xl. s. one moetye wherof to be to the kynges highnes, and the other moetye to the partie that wille pursue for the same. And if the parties, whiche hereafter shal happen to paye to the same treasurer or generall or particular recepuour, any suche summe or summes of money, and do not bynge an acquitaunce with hym to be signed as is beforesayde: that then if the same treasurer or generall or particular recepuour, vpon request to hym made, shal make a deliuer vnto the same partie done sufficiente acquitaunce, testifyenge the same receypte, that then the same Treasurer or generall or particular recepuour or any of his clarkes, shall not receyue or take of the same partie for the makynge of the sayde acquitaunce, not aboue foure pence. vpon peyne to forsaite for euery suche acquitaunce. xx. s. for whiche he or they shal happen to take aboue the sayde summe of. iiii. d. to be recouered as is before sayde, that is to saye, the done moetye therof to the use of the kynges highnes of his heires and successours, and the other moetye therof to the partie that wyl pursue for the same.

¶ And be it also enacted, that the same acquitaunce shalbe a sufficient discharge accordynge to the tenour and effecte of the same.

¶ And be it also further enacted and ordeyned by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any of the same generall or particular recepuours, whiche now be or hereafter shal be within any of the sayde courtes, happen to pay to any person or persons any annuall pension or other rente: that then if the same person or persons, vpon the receypte therof deliuer vnto the same generall or particular recepuour one sufficiente and lawfull acquitaunce sealed and signed, testifyenge the same receypte: that then the same generall or particular recepuour,



hour, shall receive the same acquittance, without taking or receyving any fee or reward for the making of the same. And yf the same party, to whom the sayd generall or particular recepuour hath so contented and payde any such annuities, pension, or rent, do not bring with hym one sufficient acquittance, signed and sealed, testifying the receipt of the same money, by reason wherof the same generall or particular recepuour by hym selfe or his clerke maketh one acquittance for the receipt of the same annuities pension or rent, that than the same recepuour or his clerke, shall not receyve or take for the making of any suche acquittance, whiche he shall soo happen to make, not above. iiii. d. upon payne to forfait for every suche acquittance, whiche he shall happen to refuse, being redy made and offered to be delivred to hym as is above sayd xx. shillings. And for every acquittance whiche he shall hereafter happen to make for any of the paymentes aforesayde, and to receyve for the makinge of the same acquittance above the sayde summe of. iiii. pence, to forfait. xx. s. the one moitie to be to the kynge, and the other moitie to the party that wylle sue for the same. And also that the same generall or particular recepuours or theyr deputies, whiche hereafter shall happen to pay any suche annuities pension or rent, shall not receyve or take of the party, to whome he shall happen to pay the same, in the waye of reward or otherwise, not above the summe of foure pence of every pounce, whiche the same generall or particular recepuour shall soo happen to paye, upon payne to forfait. vi. s. viii. d. for every peny, whiche he or they shall happen to receyve above the sayde summe of. iiii. d. for every pounce, whiche he or they shall soo happen to paye: the one moitie of the same forfeiture to be to the kynge, and the other moitie to the party that wylle sue for the same. And that all the sayde suites, concernynge the sayd forfeitures, may be commenced and pursued by bill information or action, in whiche suite none elloyn protection or wager of lawe to be admittid.

¶ And be it further enacted, that if any person or persons hereafter happens to tender or offer unto any of the auditours of the same severall courtes, for the tyme being, any of the kinges letters patentees decrees of any of the same severall courtes grauntes indentures of leases, as well for terme of yerres, as for terme of lyfe or lyues, to be inrolled before the same auditour, according to his offyce: that than the same auditour, upon the same tender or offer, shall enroll the same, or as moche of the same letters patentees decrees grauntes or indentures, as shall apperteyne to his sayde offyce. And if any of the same auditours or any of theyr clerkes, or any other to their use, or to the use of any of them, receyve and take for the inrollement of any of the same letters patentees decrees grauntes or indentures, or for the allowance of the same, above the summe of. iii. s. viii. d. that then the same auditour or his clerk so offending shall forfait. vi. s. viii. d. for every peny, which the same auditour or any of them, shall happen at any tyme hereafter to receyve contrary to the fourme aforesayde, the one moitie of the same forfeiture to be to the kinges hyghnes, and the other moitie to hym that wylle sue for the same by such

by suche maner and fourme as is aforesayd.

**A**nd be it also further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that every auditour of every of the sayd severall courtes petyl in every countie within the sayd severall limittes, by the space of twentye dayes or moze before they audit, shall pꝛoclayme and declare in. iiii. severall markettes or other places, the place and dayes, where and when they will kepe they severall audites in the same shyre, vppon payne to forsayte for every tyme doinge the contrary. v. li. the one moꝛty wherof to be to the kynges highnesse, and the other moꝛty to the partie that will sue for the same in fourme aforesayd. And that also every of the Auditours of the sayd severall courtes, beinge severally assigned to they severall limittes, and every of the particular recepuours of the same severall courtes, beinge also severally assigned and ioynd with the same severall auditours in they sayd severall limittes, after and betwene every of the feastes of saynt Mychaell the archangell and Chyismasse, shall direct and awarde they severall warrantes and pꝛeceptes vnder they scales, to every of the recepuours baylyffes reues and other officers what so ever accomptable before the same auditours, and by the same warrant or pꝛecepte to charge and commaunde in the name of our sayd sovereigne lord the kyng, every of the sayd recepuours baylyffes reues and other officers, to appere before theym at one certayne daye and place in the same warraunt or pꝛecepte to theym pꝛescribed, there to declare and make a iuste and true accompte of all suche receiptes, wherof they be accomptable, and owe to accompte. And after yf the same auditours and particular recepuours do repayre vnto the same place, and there kepe they audit, accordinge to the same pꝛoclamations pꝛecepte and warraunt: that than yf any recepuour, baylyffe, reue or other officer, beyng accomptable of or for any of the manours landes reuenues or other what soo ever hereditamentes, now remapynge or whiche hereafter shall be and remayne in the order gouernance or suruey of any of the same severall courtes, be lawfully warned, as well by the same pꝛoclamacion or by pꝛecepte or warrant in wytinge and sealed, and in the name of any of the Auditours of the sayd severall courtes, personally to appere by hym selfe, or by his sufficient and lawfull deputie before the same auditour and recepuour at one certayne daye and place, in the same warrant or pꝛecepte pꝛescribed, there to make and declare a iuste and a trewe accompte of all the receiptes of his sayde office. And yf the same recepuour, reue, baylyffe, and other officer, soo beyng lawfully warned, do not appere before the same auditour and recepuour, at the same daye and place in the sayde warraunt expꝛessed: Or yf the same recepuour, baylyffe, reue, or officer, do at the same daye and place to theym pꝛescribed, appere, and will not accompte before the same auditour, accordinge to the tenour and effecte of the same pꝛecepte or warrant, or if the same recepuour baylyffe reue or other officer accomptable, do by hym selfe or by his sufficient and lawfull deputie appere before the same auditour and recepuour, and than and thers enter into his or they accompte before the sayde auditour



four, and after the same accomptes finished and ended, if the same recepuour baylyffe reue or other officer, do not contente and paye vnto the Treasourer of the same seuerall courttes, or to the generall or particular recepuour of the same countie for the tyme beinge, as the case shall require, within thye weekes nexte and immediately after the same accompte fully finished and ended, all suche summes of moneye, whiche vpon the determination of his sayde accompte he shall happen to be founde in arretages, and the same defaulte and contempte beinge duely proued before the heade officer or officers of the said seuerall courttes for the tyme beinge: that then euerye suche recepuour baylyffe reue or officer, so offendynge, to forsaite and lose his sayde offyce, and also his fee, whiche he or they hadde and perceyued for the exercysynge of the same offyce.

¶ And be it also further enacted by auctoritie of this presente parlyamente, that if any of the sayde recepuours baylyffes reues or other officers, vpon the declaration of theyr sayde accomptes, do wyllingly concele and withdraue any rente reuenue fyne herriot, or other casualte what soo euer it be, of the whiche he oughte to haue made accompte, and the same duely approued before the sayde head officer or officers for the tyme beinge: that thanne euerye suche recepuour baylyffe reue or other officer so offendynge, to forsaite and lose his sayd office and fee, whiche he had for the exercysynge of the same, and also thre tymes as moche as he hath so concealed and withdrawen. And that the said head officer or officers of the same seuerall courttes for the tyme beinge immediately vpon certificat to hym made of the same defaulte contempte or offence, shall awarde proces in nature of attachment agaynst the same recepuour baylyffe reue or other officer, as well for the same arretages remainynge in the handes of the same recepuour baylyffe reue or officer, as also for the penaltie of theyr recognisaunce or bonde, in whiche the same Recepuour baylyffe reue or officer standeth bounden to our sayde soueraygne lord the kynge, as also for the contempte and payne limytted and appoynted by this acte.

¶ AND BE IT further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that in all actions and suites to be taken or pursued in any the courttes aforesayde, for the recouery of any dette or dettes, whiche now be or that hereafter shall happen to apperteyne accrue remaine or be to the kynge, by reason of any attainour outlawry forsaiture gyste of the partte, or by any other collateral way or meanes, it shall be sufficient in the lawe to shewe and allege in the sayde suite generallye, that the partte, to whom the sayde det or dettes was due or dyd belonge, suche pte and daye dyd gyue the same dette or dettes vnto the kynge, or was attainted outlawed or other offence forsaiture dede acte or thynge committed or dyd, by reason wherof the sayde det or dettes dyd accrue and oughte to remaine come and be to the kynge. And that the same matter, so to be shewed alleged or declared in a generalitie, without shewynge and declaringe the circumstance therof, shall be of as good force and effecte in the lawe to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if the hole matter thereof had

of had ben oꝛ were alleged and declared at large in euery poynte, accoꝝdyng to the due oꝛder of the common lawes of this realme.

**A**N D be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any suite be commensed oꝛ taken, oꝛ any pꝛoces be hereafter awarded foꝛ the kyng, foꝛ the recouerye of any the kynges dettes: that then the same suite and pꝛoces shal be pꝛeferred befoꝛe the suite of any other person oꝛ personnes. And that our sayde soueraygne lord be his heyres and successours, shal haue fyꝛste execution agaynste any defendaunt oꝛ defendantes, of and foꝛ his sayde dettes, befoꝛe any other person oꝛ persons, so alwayes that the kynges sayde suite be taken and commenced, oꝛ pꝛoces awarded foꝛ the sayde det, at the suite of our sayd soueraygne lord the kyng his heyres oꝛ successours, befoꝛe iugement gyuen foꝛ the sayde other person oꝛ persons.

**A**ND be it enacted also by auctoritie aforesayde, that all manours landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes, the whiche now be oꝛ that here after shall come oꝛ be in oꝛ to the handes possession occupation oꝛ season of any person oꝛ persones, to whome the same manours landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes, haue heretofore oꝛ hereafter shal descende reuert oꝛ remayn, in fee simple oꝛ in fee taylor, generall oꝛ speciall, by from oꝛ after the death of any his oꝛ theyꝛ auncester oꝛ auncesters, as heyre, oꝛ by gyfte of his auncesters, whose heyre he is, whiche sayde auncester oꝛ auncesters was is oꝛ shall be indetted to the kyng, oꝛ to any other person oꝛ persons to his vse, by iugement recognisaunce obligation oꝛ other specialtie, the det wherof is oꝛ shall not be contented and payed: that then in euery suche case the same manours landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes shall be and stand by auctoritie of this acte, from hencefoꝛthe, charged and chargeable to and foꝛ the paymente of the same det, and of euery parte therof. And that our sayde soueraygne lord be, his heyres and successours, at any tyme hereafter shall not be barred delayed foꝛclosed oꝛ excluded, to demaunde haue and receyue his oꝛ theyꝛ iuste due and lawfull debtes and dueties agaynste any of his subiectes, as heyre oꝛ heyres to any person oꝛ persons endetted to his highnes, oꝛ to other personnes to his vse, oꝛ whiche shall be indetted to his highnes, his heyres oꝛ successours, al be it this woꝛde Heyre be not oꝛ shall not be compꝛysed in suche recognisaunce obligation oꝛ specialtie, oꝛ that any suche person oꝛ persons shall saye oꝛ allege, that he oꝛ they haue not any manours landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes to them descended, but onely suche manours landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes as be oꝛ shall be entayled, oꝛ gyuen to them by any theyꝛ auncestours, to whom they be heyres, any lawes vses oꝛ customes befoꝛe this tyme vsed oꝛ had to the contrary notwithstandinge.

**P**rovided alwayes that the kynges maiestie his heyres and successours, may at his oꝛ theyꝛ lybertie and pleasure, demaunde haue and recouer his oꝛ theyꝛ sayde dette oꝛ dettes, of and agaynste any executour oꝛ executours, administratour oꝛ administratours, of any suche person oꝛ persons, whiche is hath ben oꝛ shall be indetted in maner and fourme abovesayde, if the same executour oꝛ executours administratour oꝛ administratours, shal haue asses



to his oꝝ theꝝ handes in debe oꝝ in lawe, any thyng befoꝛe mentioned to the contrary not withstandynge.

**¶** Provided also that if the sayde manours landes and hereditamentes oꝝ any of them, shall hereafter be recovered oꝝ evicted out of oꝝ from the possession of any suche person oꝝ personnes, by any iuste oꝝ sojmer title, without fraude oꝝ coupne, whose manours landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes be: oꝝ shall be charged oꝝ chargeable as is abovesayde: that then all and euery suche manours landes and hereditamentes, shall be clerely acquitted and discharged, of and foꝛ the paymente of the sayde dettes, and of euery part thereof, any thyng befoꝛe mentioned to the contrary not withstandynge.

**¶** PROVIDED alwaie and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that if any personne oꝝ personnes, of whom any suche dette oꝝ duetie is oꝝ at any tyme hereafter shall be demanded oꝝ requyred, allege pleade declare oꝝ shewe in any of the sayde courtes good persyt sufficient cause and matter in lawe or son oꝝ good consciens, in bar oꝝ discharge of the sayde dette oꝝ duetie, oꝝ why suche personne oꝝ personnes oughte not to be charged oꝝ chargeable to oꝝ with the same, and the same cause oꝝ matter soo alleged pleaded declared oꝝ shewed, sufficiently proued in suche one of the sayde courtes as he oꝝ they shall be impleaded sued vered oꝝ troubled foꝛ the same: that then the sayde courtes and euery of them, shall haue full power and auctoritie to accept adudge and allowe the same proufe, and holpe and clerely to acquyte and discharge al and euery person and personnes, that shall be so impleaded sued vered oꝝ troubled foꝛ the same, any thyng in this present acte befoꝛe mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

**¶** PROVIDED also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any manours landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes, whiche be oꝝ at any tyme hereafter shall be charged oꝝ chargeable to oꝝ with the dette of our sayd sonerapgne loꝛde his heyrres oꝝ succ<sup>rs</sup>ours, and be oꝝ at any tyme hereafter shall be in the seacion and possession of dyuers and sundrye personnes, other then the obligour oꝝ oblygours, that then al and singular the sayd manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes and euery parcell of them, shall be holpe and entierly, and in noo wyse seuerallye, liable and chargeable to and with the payment and paymentes of the sayde dette and duetie, any thyngs befoꝛe rehearsed to the contrary not withstandynge.

**¶** Provided also that this acte noꝝ any thyng therein conteyned, shall in any wyse extend to minyſhe abrogate oꝝ take away any realties liberties priuileges franchises preeminences iurisdiccions fines issues oꝝ amerciamentes, apperteyning oꝝ belonging to the sayd duchy of Lancaster and countie palatine of Lancaster oꝝ any of them, but that the same liberties realties priuileges franchises preeminences iurisdiccions fines issues and amerciamentes and euery of them, shall still continue remaine and be to the sayde Duchye of Lancaster and countie palatine and to euery of them, as fullye holly and plenarly as they were befoꝛe the makinge of this present acte, any thing in the same conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that al maner of p[ro]ces p[ro]cesses and executions for dettes, onely commynge or grob[ing]e in the court of the Ch[ancery], shall be made in the same court of the Ch[ancery] by suche officer and officers clerke or minister of the same court, as hath bene afore this tyme used to be made, after and with suche kynde of p[ro]ces p[ro]cesses and executions, as by this acte is limited and declared, as by thynge in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

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